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Thatcher in 'get behind John' appeal to Tories

■ An intervention from Lady Thatcher eases the pressures on the prime minister amid Tory right-wing concern about the rapid rise of Kenneth Clarke

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, NICHOLAS WOOD AND SHEILA GUNN

BARONESS Thatcher intervened last night in the internal Conservative crisis of confidence to call on the party to throw its support behind John Major.

With support for Mr Major's leadership at its lowest ebb and speculation about a challenge to him this year or next, Lady Thatcher told a mutual friend that the party should not again become involved in "musical chairs".

She acknowledged her differences with Mr Major, her favoured successor, over Europe, but added: "We must all get behind John. Things will look differently in a year's time when we come out of recession. The only election that really matters is the next general election."

Lady Thatcher's intervention is likely to ease the pressure on Mr Major in the constituencies, many of which remain steadfastly loyal to her two and a half years after her resignation. But it also emphasises the seriousness of the prime minister's difficulties — last night Tony Marlow urged him to consider his position — and it may reflect the fears of some Tory MPs on the right that Kenneth Clarke could have an easy run to the premiership if Mr Major were to go.

Mr Major and his Chancellor are meanwhile expected to brave the wrath of many Tory MPs by deciding to tackle the highest budget deficit in Europe with a tough combination of tax increases and the tightest ever curbs on public spending.

Despite a face-to-face warning yesterday from MPs and ministers that income tax rises should be avoided at all costs, the prime minister let it be known that he has not ruled out such a course. At the same time, Mr Clarke prepared to tell the City that all options remain open for his first Budget in November.

In his first policy speech as Chancellor, Mr Clarke is expected to admit tonight that tough times lie ahead and that the government must be ready for a lengthy period of unpopularity. In remarks aimed beyond his Guildhall audience of bankers, industrialists and economists to the wider public, he will deliver a cautious assessment on the state of the economy, predicting only modest and fitful growth in the coming year.

Mr Clarke, according to informed sources, believes that the government can regain public support provided it explains the need for tough decisions and proves that it has a long-term strategy. He believes that ministers "talked up" the recovery too soon, a factor that led to the poor Tory performance at Newbury.

Mr Major yesterday learnt at first hand the strength of feeling in his party against income tax rises. A group of 30 senior MPs and junior ministers cheered John Marshall, MP for Hendon South, at a Downing Street lunch when he said that the government should tackle its economic problems by cutting spending. Mr Major responded by pointing out that Norman Lamont's March Budget had already raised indirect taxes for the years ahead, but the MPs felt that his reply fell short of closing off the option of higher income tax.

Later, Mr Major's officials went out of their way to stress that raising tax would not break the Conservative party's manifesto commitments. Downing Street countered ministers' assertions that the Tory manifesto promised not to raise income tax or that it might be necessary to break manifesto commitments to tackle the deficit.

Mr Major, it was said, was determined to keep manifesto promises on spending and tax. But, it was added, the manifesto left room for manoeuvre on taxation. It had promised to continue progress towards a 20p basic rate of income tax, but that was not the same thing as saying it prohibited a rise.

The clear intention appeared to be to give Mr Clarke maximum leeway. Mr Major personally is reluctant to countenance rises in the basic rate of tax, but many ministers believe he may have to sanction not only further increases in indirect taxation but also the freezing of personal allowances and the lowering

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Tansu Ciller, Turkey's first woman prime minister, is known as the Iron Lady. Her supporters see her as a "wind of change" to sweep away the country's grey political establishment. Andrew Finkel, page 13; leading article, page 17

UN battles on as Somali killings are condemned

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE United Nations yesterday defied international condemnation of its efforts to bring peace to Somalia and followed up a series of American air strikes on Mogadishu with another helicopter attack, injuring 12 civilians.

The assault came as aid agencies denounced the killing of at least 20 demonstrators by Pakistani troops on Sunday and as the local warlord, General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, accused the UN of genocide. Italy said the shootings discredited the UN, while both France and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, regretted the killings.

As Dr Boutros Ghali claimed at the Vienna human rights conference that the UN was close to achieving total disarmament in Somalia, diplomats and officials offered a range of explanations for the incident on Sunday in which Pakistani opened fire on a crowd of demonstrators: the soldiers had been fired on by protesters; gunmen in the crowd had used women and children as human shields; Somalis had killed some of the victims, and the Pakistanis' shortage of equipment was to blame.

Later, when a UN helicopter missed its multi-rocket launcher target, injuring 12 local people, the head of UN operations in Somalia denied that there had been any civilian casualties.

American AC130 gunships had earlier destroyed lorries and heavy construction equipment, armoured cars and battle wagons near General Aidid's home. Lt-Col Kevin McGovern, a UN military spokesman, said that no civilians had been killed, but the charred body of a young boy lay just outside the warlord's house.

General Aidid responded to the pounding with an appeal to the UN to stop its aggression. "I am ready to meet and talk to the UN, but only after they stop the bombings on our people," he told a press conference. "These people are aggressors. I am for peace. The ongoing genocide by the UN has no moral basis."

The UN's conduct also came under fire from relief agencies. The international charity CARE urged the UN to stop all military activity, saying it was preventing it supplying food for 100,000 hungry people, while the America-based charity World Vision, Britain's Save the Children and Médecins Sans Frontières of Belgium also voiced concern at the effect of Sunday's killings on future relief efforts. Médecins Sans Frontières condemned the killing of civilians and said the Pakistani reaction had been completely out of proportion.



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Venables loses fight for control of Spurs

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

TERRY Venables yesterday lost his High Court fight to continue as executive director of Tottenham Hotspur, a savage blow to his hopes of buying out Alan Sugar as chairman of the Premier League football club.

In a dramatic final day of the three-day hearing there were also allegations that Mr Venables had failed to give a "full and frank" explanation of how £58,750 in cash was withdrawn from the club's bank account during the transfer negotiations to buy Teddy Sheringham, the England forward, from Nottingham Forest.

In his judgment, Sir Donald Nichols, head of the Chancery Division, declined to renew the 32-day injunction against Mr Venables' dismissal, saying that such an order would override the majority division of the Tottenham board, which had the right to "hire and fire".

As Mr Venables left the High Court, however, hundreds of Tottenham supporters shouted their support for their former player, who has also been manager or chief executive since 1987 and led the club to win the FA Cup in 1991. Mr Venables' only comment was "I understand the decision" as he got into a taxi, with other Aldwych drivers honking their support.

In contrast, Mr Sugar, chairman of Amstrad, slipped away with his wife and advisers through the judge's rooms, to boos, hisses and shouts of "Judas" and "We want Sugar out" from the Tottenham supporters.

Mr Sugar will now face problems with the players, many of whom submitted affidavits giving their backing to Mr Venables. Terry Fenwick, the former England defender, said: "This will wreck the club."

Eric Hall, the football agent, who is a friend of Mr Venables, said that up to 12 players would want transfers, adding: "I think Terry lost the battle maybe today. But the war is still on, and he will win the war."

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Coldstream earmarked for Bosnia

BY MICHAEL EVANS
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THE Coldstream Guards have been put on notice that they are next in line for a six-month tour of Bosnia-Herzegovina, starting in late October or early November.

The "warning order" indicates that the government is ready to deploy troops to Bosnia beyond the 12-month limit ministers originally believed adequate for Britain's contribution to the United Nations humanitarian aid operation. Although Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, never imposed a strict 12-month limit, he made clear that other countries should play a role in Bosnia and promoted the idea, with Nato allies, that there should be a rotation.

The decision to earmark a battalion for a third tour of duty in Bosnia is in direct contrast to the current mood in Westminster, where MPs have been calling for the withdrawal of the soldiers from Vitez in central Bosnia. There are, however, no immediate plans to relocate the 850 soldiers in Vitez.

Major James Myles, speaking from the base, said: "We are here saving lives, and we are very much intent on seeing the job finished. If we were to withdraw now there would be a bloodbath ... Armageddon has not started here, and the British troops are not the target."

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Fear for factory after Timex boss quits

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNION leaders fear that Timex, the American-owned electronics company, is likely to close its strike-hit British plant after the resignation, announced yesterday, of the president of the UK company.

The departure of the principal manager in a high-profile industrial dispute is virtually unprecedented in recent British industrial relations, but union leaders were far from jubilant at the surprise resignation of Peter Hall. He was manager of the plant at Dundee, which has seen the worst picket-line violence in Britain since the miners' strike a decade ago.

While publicly describing the departure as the "removal of an obstacle", union leaders believe Mr Hall's resignation might bring closer the factory's closure. They believe that the company does not see the loss-making Dundee plant, which makes printed circuit boards, as central to its international watch-making business, and that it is also embarrassed at the impact the British dispute is having on the company name.

Two rounds of talks between Timex and the Amalgamated Engineering and Electricians' Union have made little progress since rejection last month of the company's latest pay and benefits offer by a mass meeting of the sacked workforce. Union officials are holding out little hope for the talks which began last night between local union officers and the company.

Timex said that Mr Hall's departure did not alter its position on the dispute. John Dryfe, chairman of the American Timex corporation, was at the plant yesterday and will take over running the company. However, Timex said further negotiations in the dispute would be handled by Muhomed Saleh, a vice-president from the United States.

The company said: "Mr Hall left entirely voluntarily. It was his decision to go. The reasons are private between Mr Hall and the company." Mr Hall, at his home in the stockbroker belt of Surrey,

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The honourable way out is Major's only option



John Major's bacon was cooked the day the Danish voted no to Maastricht. Now, says ***Tony Marlow****, Conservative MP for Northampton North, he should do the decent thing*

UNTIL such time as John Major volunteers the end of his prime-ministership, the dominant question in British politics will not be "whether" but "when" is he going to step down.

There is no doubt that the prime minister is a pleasant and engaging man, and that those who know him like him and consequently, and naturally, feel loyal and almost protective towards him. There is no doubt also that he won an election that Margaret Thatcher would have lost. Those who believe a Conservative majority is a prerequisite of effective government and fundamental to the national interest owe him an enormous debt of gratitude. But politics is foremost about power and using that power for the good of the country — not about personal obligations.

Norman Lamont was displaced from office not because the prime minister disagreed with him, nor because he was concerned at his political approach, but because the prime minister was persuaded that he lacked the credibility to be an effective Chancellor. How much more important for the prime minister to enjoy that credibility!

Since the election, Mr Major has enjoyed the most abysmal bad luck — a commodity without which successful leaders, as generals, cannot survive. Whatever his present problems, the decline in his fortunes commenced with the Danish "No" in their first referendum. The inevitability of Maastricht's ratification was displaced by open and vivid debate of the treaty and its consequences. This has undermined both the unity of the Government party and the credibility of the government in Parliament. Such a situation has infected the public view not only of the government and all its works, but in particular of its leader. When leadership and focus appear to be lacking, it is not surprising that the public should concentrate on the prime minister's degree of possession of these qualities. Certainly without them the government cannot escape its predicament.

There are two immediate and immense issues facing the government. First, how are we to reduce the massive government deficit while maintaining growth and without damaging either incentive and future prosperity or the perception of social fairness and the adequacy of the welfare state? Tough decisions will be needed. Tough decisions to be effective must be carried out with a sense of purpose and vision. They must be "sold" in such a way that they will be "bought" by the nation. Any tough decision taken by Mr Major would invite the reaction that those affected were being sacrificed to pay for Mr Major's mistakes. Therefore, would he take the necessary decisions — and if he did, could he generate the support to sustain them? If not, what hope for Britain in Parliament, let alone in the country? Meaningless though the polls are, a rating of 16 per cent does not indicate that the prime minister enjoys sufficient political capital to achieve what the nation needs.

Second, there is Maastricht and Europe — the curse of Mr Major. The party in Parliament and the country is divided. The objectives of many of the party activists for the heart of Europe are more brutal than those advocated by the prime minister. Confusion is compounded still further by the new policy of a united party fighting to return powers from Brussels once the treaty is ratified. Why surrender the powers in the first place? Why deny the United Kingdom a referendum while neighbouring electorates have been trusted by their governments? If Maastricht is ratified under the present procedures it will lack all legitimacy in Britain. If Douglas Hurd is wrong, and we are not "winning the argument" and the Maastricht contract is enforced by the other 11 countries against our will, what will be the quality of our relationship with Europe? Apparently Mr Major is unable to accept a British referendum. If so, he is unable to repair the fissure in the government party and hence weakened in his ability to govern. Our toleration of remote, bureaucratic rule from Brussels is close to terminal decline. Ratification without referendum fastens the lid on the coffin.

Mr Lamont warned of the dangers of being in office but not in power. In fighting the battle against the deficit and reconciling Britain to an acceptable, beneficial and independent approach to Europe, a prime minister will need the power as well as the office. With a divided party, perceived responsibility for our present difficulties and a reputation for weak and vacillating leadership, Mr Major lacks such power. How long will it be before he recognises his predicament and makes the logical and honourable deduction?

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Redwood shows his human nature

Years ago, this column was first to spot the entry into the Commons, under deep cover, of the only Vulcan ever elected to Parliament. John Redwood had arrived on the Tory backbenches.

Vulcans come from the planet of the same name. Their most famous expatriate (half-Vulcan) is *Star Trek*'s Mr Spock. They are super-intelligent and utterly logical, resembling humans in every respect except that they have no emotions, and many have pointed ears. The new breed, like Mr Redwood, have their ears straightened in private clinics, so it is very hard to know when you are dealing with a Vulcan, but a giveaway sign is a steady, emotionless voice and chilling stare. They also exhibit gaps in knowledge about the folksier side of life on planet Earth, and will occasionally react to human displays of passion or humour with complete bafflement.

When Mr Redwood became a minister, I recorded this first example of Vulcan penetration into the junior ranks of government. I also recorded doubts as to whether Messrs Lilley, Howard and Portillo were pure-bred humans. It now falls to this sketch, which we may rename *VulcanWatch*, to announce that a full-blooded Vulcan has for the first time entered the British cabinet. John Redwood, the Welsh secretary, came to the Commons yesterday to report on flooding in the principality (or "testing zone" as they speak of Wales on Vulcan).

He was accompanied by his PPS, David Evans (C, Welwyn, Hatfield, human, very), recruited in an attempt to "humanise" his master, teach him jokes, explain about love, merriment, sin, etc. Mr Evans has been having some limited success. At the weekend, Redwood's address to the Welsh Tory conference had featured the pseudo-humanoid singing *God Save the Queen* in Welsh, head jerking strangely — it is a simple matter, you see, to programme a Vulcan with an extra language, even Welsh. So far so good. Yesterday's statement, his first as a secretary of state, was an important new test.

Alas, attaining power has caused Redwood to revert. Striding in, attempting, mechanically, to swing the arms as humans do, he sat down, then rose in one smooth movement, staring icily into space.

"The — damage — has — been — very — extensive," he softly droned, in that BT directory enquiries machine voice, "eighty — five — percent — of — eligible — expenditure — over — the — threshold ..." Had he gone on to say "the — number — you — require — is — Llandudno — 0 — 4 — 9 — 2 ..." few would have been surprised.

Alan Williams (Lab, Carmarthen) decided to test him. The "Bellwin rule", said Williams (a formula for allowing relief payments) "is a fig leaf". Vulcans are weak at imagery: Redwood activated his WordSearch programme and established that *Bellwin rule* does not mean *fig leaf*. "No — it — is — not — a — FIG LEAF," he droned, aware of a need to hit the Indignation Key, but hitting it on the wrong word.

But the performance was not altogether discouraging. Various backbenchers tried to short-circuit his logic system by putting the muddle-headed proposal that uninsured householders should be compensated by the government. At this, I saw Mr Redwood's eyes swivel involuntarily. Through my sound-amplifier I just managed to eavesdrop the interference from his internal circuitry: *(very faint)*: "Il — log — ic — al" *(crackle-crackle)* "Il — log — ic — al". But something (a tap on the shoulder from Evans?) stopped him. He rose. "... appreciate — problem. There — is — mayor's — fund ..." he whirred. Our Vulcan is learning.

President of Timex UK quits

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yesterday insisted. "I have resigned", in spite of union claims that he was dismissed.

Mr Hall's management style drew strong local opposition in Dundee after the start of the dispute five months ago. A strike over lay-offs led to the dismissal of the company's 340-strong workforce, many of them women. New recruits, hired in an area of high unemployment, were taken into the plant by bus, leading to violent scenes.

Margaret Ewing, leader of the Scottish National Party, said: "Whatever the reasons for Mr Hall's departure, he has managed to whip up a huge amount of personal antagonism ... It may be that his departure will open the door for just and fair discussions."

MIKE WILKINSON



Pickets' target: the resignation of Peter Hall, president of Timex in Britain, followed months of personal hostility from strikers

Ministers face long and bitter debate on strategy to tackle overspend

Cabinet division looms over tax rises

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AN ANGUISHED cabinet debate over how the government can tackle the projected £50 billion budget deficit began in public at the weekend. It will be continued in private on Thursday, when ministers meet to decide the remit for Michael Portillo's annual spending review that will reach its climax with the first unified tax and spending Budget on November 30.

At the heart of the argument is whether the Conservatives, winners of four elections as the party of reducing taxation, may have to turn turtle and raise taxes to regain their reputation as the party of sound money. John Major, Michael Heseltine, John Redwood and Peter Lilley have drawn the battle lines for a discussion that can have no conclusion for months.

In his speech to the Welsh Tories on Friday, the prime minister indicated his clear preference for spending cuts against tax rises, but indicated that if taxes were to be increased the indirect route was to be preferred.

Mr Heseltine highlighted the dilemma starkly, saying most revenue-raising options had a manifesto commitment set against them. "If you then say, 'Fine, we've made a manifesto commitment, all the options are blocked off', well I tell you it won't be a £50 billion deficit we are dealing with next year, it will be a bigger one," he said.

Mr Redwood, the Welsh secretary, told the Welsh Tories: "Just over a year ago our manifesto said no to increased income taxes. It was right then. It is right today."

Mr Lilley told BBC radio: "No government likes to raise taxes, certainly not direct taxes. We must put the spotlight on the whole range of public expenditure."

It is the toughest question facing the new chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and one, according to close friends, on which he is a long way from a decision. The debate on Thursday will give him some guidance on what the cabinet will tolerate.

The cabinet can be divided into three groups: those opposed to tax increases in all circumstances, those who would prefer to avoid them, and those who believe they may be necessary and that the government should say so. Into the first group would go Mr Lilley, Mr Redwood and probably Mr Portillo.

In the second would be Mr Major, Michael Howard, the home secretary, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, Gillian Shephard, the agriculture minister, Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary and, say well-placed sources, Mr Clarke.

In addition, five ministers would be expected to back the Major-Clarke line regardless. These are Lord Wakeham, the Lords leader, Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, Tony Newton, the Commons leader, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor.

The third group is headed by Mr Heseltine. He would probably be supported in cabinet by David Hunt, the employment secretary, John Gummer, the environment secretary, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, John Patten, the education secretary, William Waldegrave, the Citizen's Charter minister, and Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary. All of them are less ideologically opposed to tax increases; most head big-spending departments in the sights of Mr Portillo.

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Budget deficit starts hunt for chinks in manifesto armour

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine's assertion that manifesto commitments might have to be abandoned to ease the £50 billion budget deficit has sparked off an immediate scrutiny of the more vulnerable pledges in the document.

Ministers supporting tax increases in this year's unified Budget will find that particularly hard to square with the manifesto, which unashamedly argues the case for tax cuts.

"We are the only party that understands the need for low taxation," it says. "High taxes kill the goose that lays the golden eggs." However, the document's only clear commitment to reducing taxation is to cut the basic rate of tax. It says: "We will make further progress towards a basic income tax rate of 20p." Downing Street made clear yesterday that the prime minister had no intention of ditching this pledge.

The manifesto commits the government to maintaining mortgage tax relief but does not specify at what rate or who it should go to, leaving a little room to manoeuvre. But it puts forward a muddled message on public spending, arguing that spending needs to be kept firmly under control yet also committing the party to increased health spending, child benefit and pensions.

"Keeping control of public spending will enable us to cut taxes while bringing the government's budget back towards balance in the years ahead," it says. But it adds: "Lower taxes and a prudent approach to borrowing do not mean public spending must fall. Quite the reverse."

One of the party's most costly pledges is to raise the £30 billion health service budget in real terms for each year of this Parliament. Although many ministers argued in last year's spending round that health should not be so heavily protected, the new Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has already pledged that this will be honoured. While insisting that he will take a tough approach to spending, he talks about "restraining" rather than "cutting" public expenditure.



Heseltine: manifesto is not sacrosanct

Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, has indicated that the £80 billion social security budget is his main target for savings. Universal benefits for pensioners and children are the most likely victims in the longer term, but Mr Portillo's hands are tied by manifesto commitments in both areas.

The document pledges that the basic state retirement pension "will remain the foundation for retirement". It will also remain inflation-linked. Child benefit is also protected, but the pledge is vague enough to allow the government to tax the benefit or to target it on the under fives.

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of the higher tax band. After the meeting, attended by MPs from all parts of the Tory spectrum, rightwingers said there was no doubt that the government was trying to soften backbench opinion for a possible income tax increase. One gave a warning that Mr Major could not get such a measure through the Commons. The meeting took place against the background of a continuing whispering campaign about Mr Major's leadership and one MP reported that Mr Major was understandably "not in sparkling form" and that he appeared tired and strained.

As MPs were urging Mr Major to take a grip on the cabinet wrangling over tax, Tony Marlow, the MP for Northampton, North, became the first backbencher to ask him to consider in his position.

In an article in *The Times* today, Mr Marlow says: "With a divided party, perceived responsibility for our present difficulties and a reputation for weak and vacillating leadership John Major lacks power. How long will it be before recognises his predicament and make the logical and honourable deduction?"

IN BRIEF

Student Tories quit over ignored vote

Nearly half the leadership of the Conservative Collegiate Forum, the student wing of the Tory party, has resigned in protest at Central Office's decision to override the outcome of a ballot for the post of national director and impose a pro-European.

In a letter in *The Times* today, Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative party chairman, and Gerry Malone, one of his deputies, are accused of "vengeful intolerance" in ignoring the vote, which resulted in a victory for Conor Burns, who supports a referendum over the Maastricht treaty. Instead, Tim Kevan was made national director.

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2,000 hit by flooding

The flooding in North Wales may have made 2,000 people in the Llandudno, Conwy and Llandudno Junction areas homeless. Alan Carr, Aberconwy council's chief executive, said yesterday: "As the floods recede we are beginning to realise the scale of the damage. For some people it will be many months before they can return to their homes."

Nadir query for Fowler

Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservatives' chairman, will be challenged tomorrow to justify undeclared donations to the party of £440,000 from Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman. The Commons home affairs committee will interrogate him, as part of its enquiry into political party funding, on why the party accepts donations from abroad and anonymous gifts.

Private jail firm cleared

A Home Office enquiry into Corrections Corporation of America, part of a consortium running Blakenhurst prison, Hereford and Worcester, has found it fit to operate in Britain. A prison service board official went to America to look into claims including the maltreatment of inmates, but found no evidence to suggest CCA should not run jails here.

Trawlermen escape fire

Three men were winched to safety from a burning trawler off Whitby, North Yorkshire. The crewmen aboard the *Ina B* radioed for help after a fire started in the cabins at 4pm. A Sea King helicopter from RAF Leconfield rescued them and transferred them to the Whitby lifeboat. They were not injured.

Body found in sack

Detectives are investigating links with the shooting of James Moody, 52, the gangster shot dead in a London pub two weeks ago, after the discovery yesterday of a body washed ashore in a sack on the morning tide at Sheerness, Kent. The victim, who had at least two shotgun wounds to his chest, was probably dumped at sea two weeks ago.

Pigeon's lucky landing

A lost racing pigeon, which landed on a barge in the North Sea, 500 miles from its Nottingham home, was picked up by just a few hundred yards from the bird's owner, whom he did not know. He said he was stunned by the coincidence.

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Judge says club must face the fact that Tottenham Hotspur's 'dream ticket' lies in shreds

Venables vows to continue fight for control of Spurs

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND RICHARD DUCE

TERRY Venables said last night that he would continue his fight against Alan Sugar despite losing his High Court case to remain chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur.

He said that he would proceed with a Companies Court petition, that if successful could give him control of the Premier League club, unless advised otherwise by his lawyers.

"I believe that course to be in the best interests of Tottenham Hotspur," he said in a statement last night. "I am no less confident of my case today than when I was wrongfully dismissed as chief executive on May 14."

Mr Venables remains a director with 23 per cent of the shares, compared to the 48 per cent of Mr Sugar. Mr Venables has had an undertaking from Mr Sugar that he will not be removed from the board. Mr Sugar, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur and Amstrad, spoke yesterday of his "hell and anguish" of the last month. He said that he was "deeply aggrieved" by Mr Venables' action.

In the meantime, Mr Sugar still faces a possible contempt of court hearing. This follows claims by Mr Venables that there was an attempt to interfere with one of his witnesses, Jonathan Crystal, a libel lawyer and his only ally on the Tottenham board.

Martin Mann QC, for Mr Venables, told Sir Donald Nicholls, head of the chancery division, that he still hoped an "accommodation" might be arrived at over the contempt move. Mr Sugar accepted that he had acted hastily and had apologised.

Mr Venables can scarcely relish further court hearings. He must meet costs of this hearing, estimated at £100,000, and will need a total of about £20 million to meet possible future legal costs and, in particular, the finances required for the mandatory cash offer.

In his 20-minute judgment yesterday, the judge termed the original partnership between the two men a dream ticket, but accepted they could not work together.

He said that keeping Mr Venables in the post, from which he was sacked on May 14 only to obtain a High Court injunction the same day, would "merely postpone the date at which all concerned must face up to the fact that his appointment, for better or worse, had been terminated".



Sugar: faces possible action for contempt

The judge said that whether the sacking was in the best interests of the club was not for the court to decide. He said that Mr Venables' case that he was unfairly prejudiced by recent actions of Mr Sugar would be "fraught with difficulty" when it came to proving it at a full hearing for control of the club.

Earlier in the hearing, Philip Heslop QC, for Mr Sugar, said that Mr Venables had failed to give a "full and frank" explanation of how £58,750 in cash was withdrawn from Tottenham's bank account during negotiations to buy Teddy Sheringham, the England international forward.

Mr Heslop said the money went to a company, First Wave Management, run by Frank McLintock, the former Scotland and Arsenal player, and the invoice showed it was payment for "distrubution, network, travel and merchandising" for the club in the United States. Mr Venables, it was alleged, assured Mr Sugar that the use of a middleman in transfer negotiations was commonplace and not in breach of FA or Premier League rules.

Mr Heslop said: "Plainly, on that evidence, money has been paid to Mr McLintock pursuant for an invoice which does not refelect the services which, according to Mr Venables and Mr McLintock, the firm has rendered. This is a serious matter."

Speaking at his City solicitors after the court ruling, Mr Sugar said there were no plans yet to name a new manager at the club and it was not clear if the post of chief executive would be refilled. He said: "My reaction is obviously one of relief. In the next few days we will be talking to the playing department and playing staff."

Mr Sugar said none of the players who had expressed support for Mr Venables should feel that they were under any threat. Mr Sugar said that his offer to buy Mr Venables' shares no longer stood. "I made Mr Venables a reasonable offer for him to walk away with dignity and pride, and he chose the other route."

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Smiling through: Terry Venables leaving the High Court in London yesterday. He faces a legal bill of £100,000

Juggler who lost control of the ball

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TERRY Venables wakes up this morning with another financial ball to juggle, in the shape of £100,000 court costs. That would have seemed an enormous amount to the young man who sprang, all sharp elbows, flash footballing talent and dreaming ambition, from a council estate in Dagenham.

But Mr Venables has in latter years become used to dealing, and some would say wheeling, in large sums of money, and not only in the telephone number transfer fees of modern football. He raised £2.5 million to buy a 23 per cent stake in Tottenham in 1991, making him the first man to play for, manage and part-own a big English soccer club. He later admitted that the loan stretched him to his financial limit.

He owns a nightclub in Kensington and last year another business, a Mayfair wine bar, was repossessed owing £50,000 in rent. Mr Venables had no more luck with three pubs into which he put money and which ran into difficulties. The reason for the Tottenham Hotspur deal was to save the club from bankruptcy — it had debts of £16 million — and also from the clutches of the newspaper tycoon Robert Maxwell, who was showing an appetite for swallowing football clubs.

That was where Alan Sugar came in, with his millions from the successful Amstrad computer company. The two men's common enterprise has since come drastically unstuck.

Loyalty of fans and players is unshaken

BY A STAFF REPORTER

HAVING successfully seen off Tottenham Hotspur's chief executive, Alan Sugar must now do battle with the players and supporters who have been outspoken in Terry Venables's defence. He could find it a more difficult — and more costly — battle to win.

The fans were fickle. Mr Sugar had asserted when Mr Venables was initially dismissed on May 14, the eve of the FA Cup final: providing the team was winning at the beginning of next season, they would soon forgive and forget. The players, he maintained, would have no option but to fulfil their contracts.

But within an hour of yesterday's High Court decision, Mr Sugar was reminded that the loyalty of both groups was unshaken. Teddy Sheringham, the striker whose £2.1 million transfer from Nottingham Forest was one of the central issues of the hearing, said he feared the decision could break up the side. Supporters have promised to hit the club in its pockets by refusing to renew season tickets.

Eric Hall, the agent who handles the affairs of several Tottenham players, said that Mr Sugar could not count on them to stay at the club. "I represent about 12 players at Tottenham Hotspur and they've all told me in the last couple of days that they certainly will put in for transfers."

Mr Sugar must also resolve the futures of Doug Livermore, the club's coach, and Ray Clemence, his assistant. Both have said they would consider their positions should Mr Venables leave.

Sheringham, 27, who is with the England squad in the United States, said: "I'm sick for Terry. I know how much he wanted to succeed. To get ousted when he felt on the threshold of something great is a crying shame."

Murder victim's mother confronts Sams in court

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE mother of Julie Dart was involved in an emotional courtroom confrontation yesterday with the man accused of murdering her daughter.

Lynn Dart stood less than five yards from Michael Sams and shouted: "He's mine, him." It was the culmination of a brief battle of wills between the two on the fourth day of Sams's trial at Nottingham Crown Court.

Mrs Dart, 40, a secretary at Leeds Polytechnic, had entered the court 15 minutes before to give evidence about the last time she had seen her 18-year-old daughter alive, in July 1991. It is alleged that Sams killed Miss Dart, after picking her up while she was working as a prostitute.

Mrs Dart had looked around the courtroom as she walked to the witness box and then fixed her eyes on the dock as she took the oath. Before the first question was asked she mouthed "You bastard" at Sams, who at first held and returned her gaze.

During the brief question-and-answer session her eyes rarely left Sams and he eventually turned his head away. Mrs Dart trembled as she answered questions from Christopher Hotten, for the prosecution. Only once did the emotion overwhelm her, when he asked: "Did Julie live with you?" Mrs Dart's voice broke and she sobbed as she answered: "Yes, always."

Her outburst came after her evidence. As she left the court she passed a short distance from where Sams sat in the dock. She paused and pointed a finger at him as she shouted her threat.

As court ushers hurried her out of the room, Sams started back in his seat and looked away. He denies the kidnap and murder of Miss Dart in July 1991 and demanding a £140,000 ransom from West Yorkshire Police. He has also denied a charge of blackmailing British Rail for £200,000. He has admitted kidnapping and falsely imprisoning Stephanie Slater, a Birmingham estate agent, in January 1992 and demanding a £175,000 ransom.

Earlier, screens had been erected around the witness stand to allow a Leeds prostitute to give evidence anonymously. The woman, identified only by the name Mary, said that she and Miss Dart had been soliciting for prostitution in the Chapeltown district of Leeds on the night of July 9, 1991, when she disappeared.

The court was also told yesterday that her body was discovered in a field ten days later by Robert Skelton, a farmer from Easton, near Grantham, Lincolnshire.

The case continues today.

Publisher assaulted boy of 14

BY JOHN YOUNG

A FORMER Christian publisher and prominent member of the Church of England was given a suspended jail sentence yesterday for sexually assaulting a boy aged 14.

Patrick Gilbert, who was general secretary of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for 20 years, admitted two offences against the boy in 1986 and 1987. He was sentenced to nine months suspended for two years.

Gilbert had paid for a scholarship for his victim, who is now 21. He took the boy on numerous trips abroad and bought him expensive clothes and jewellery.

Judge Michael McMullan, described Gilbert, 59, as a wealthy and influential man who had breached the trust of the boy and his parents.

"With an offence of this kind only a custodial sentence could be justified," the judge said. He decided not to send Gilbert to prison because of his health and the "very severe punishment" he had already undergone through losing his reputation.

Wood Green Crown Court was told that Gilbert, of Hampstead, north London, had been admitted to hospital with serious heart problems last week, and that psychiatrists had assessed him as a suicide risk.

Ann Brownlow, for Gilbert, said that he had been well respected by people in the church. Among a number of references she produced was one from Dr Donald Coggan, a former Archbishop of Canterbury.

Gold-digger awaits £3m verdict

A TREASURE hunter will become a millionaire if a treasure trove inquest decides that a Bronze Age neckband was lost accidentally by its original owner.

Graham Chaddock, 56, found the 3,000-year-old solid gold torc buried in a ploughed field while out with his metal detector near Warminster, Wiltshire, three years ago. Ever since, he has waged a legal battle against the government to be declared the rightful owner of the artifact.

The inquest jury will have to decide how the neckband came to be in the field. Giving evidence on the first day of the inquest at Salisbury, Wiltshire, Mr Chaddock said he found the torc, believed to be worth £3 million, after his companion, Reg Day, had unearthed a bronze axe head at the same spot.

Mr Chaddock, a businessman from Trowbridge, said he heard a sharp signal on his metal detector and dug 12in to 15in into the harrowed earth. "I could see the glint of gold and the torc lying flat." Mr Chaddock, who found the necklace on August 14, 1990, has spent £50,000 on a legal battle to overturn a treasure trove verdict which made the necklace Crown property.

If the jury decides that the necklace was buried for safe keeping, it will be declared treasure trove and become the government's property. It would go to the British Museum and Mr Chaddock would receive an ex-gratia payment of £75,000.

The inquest was adjourned until Friday.

Injured prince is non-runner at Ascot



The prince in agony after his polo match

BY LIN JENKINS

THE Prince of Wales has pulled out of his public engagements this week because of a persistent back injury that was aggravated while playing polo at the weekend. He was unable to attend a Garter ceremony yesterday and will not be at Royal Ascot.

The prince had been experiencing discomfort since Thursday and underwent physiotherapy. He fulfilled engagements on Thursday and Friday and was on horseback for two hours at the Trooping the Colour on Saturday. He was determined to play in the polo match at Windsor on Sunday, which was raising money for charity.

His press spokesman said: "It was a major sponsored day. The match he was playing in was for the Prague Heritage Fund, of which he is joint patron with the Czech president, Vaclav Havel. The prince is going to take the opportunity of this Ascot week to rest up and do exercies without having to be 'on parade' on official duties."

The prince, 44, also missed Ascot in 1991 because of what his hospital consultant described as a serious degenerative disc problem, with one disc at the base of his spine prolapsed. One option to solve the problem is surgery to fuse two discs together — an operation that does not rule out future sporting endeavours, as Ian Botham has proved.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother also missed the Garter ceremony in Windsor, but attended a reception for the knights beforehand. A spokesman said: "You have to give a certain amount of deference to her age."

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Women reluctant to heed rape warning

By Lin Jenkins

■ Three sex attacks have led police to advise women in a small town not to go out alone, but they have met resistance

DETECTIVES have warned women not to go out alone late at night after three attacks by a hooded man within a month in the centre of a Somerset town.

The man raped one woman and indecently assaulted two others before being fought or frightened off. A psychological profile of him suggests that he will strike again, yet women appear reluctant to change their behaviour because of the threat of one man.

Three young women making an arrangement to attend an evening aerobic class said that they would not consider walking alone along the canal that links the locations of the three attacks. But they rejected any suggestion that they should change their lifestyles or restrict their freedom because of the actions of one man.

Janet King, 21, a secretary, said: "In cases like these it always appals me that the police start telling us to be careful. It is outrageous to suggest that half the population has to modify their behaviour because of some members of the other half."

Her two friends nodded agreement, but on further discussion admitted sheepishly that they were concerned.

The attacks were all in the vicinity of the Bridgwater and Taunton canal. The waterway is not one of those sinister secluded places of some industrial towns, but is open and green. It provides welcome respite from the incessant estates of identical houses woven between the dull architecture of factories and workshops.

Mothers push prams along the towpath, greeting friends, and scores of dogs are taken daily to exercise. Walking along it after dark on a summer evening, it would be rare to find youself alone.

The first victim, a 37-year-old mother, was raped after being dragged 200 yards into undergrowth. She was attacked while walking alone at 12.30am along Hamp Ward Path near the canal. The second, aged 28, was attacked 50 yards away and the third, aged 24, near the town's docks. Both managed to get away before being raped.

Miss King and her friends take some comfort from the fact that the rapist was fought off by a woman called Jo, of a similar age to them, who was attacked at 11.15pm on Hamp Ward Path. "She had some martial arts training," said Cathy Pullen, 22, who works for a travel agency in the town. It made me think that perhaps I should do something like that, other than just aerobics. I could keep fit and improve my chances of escaping a nutter."

Her friend Helena Watkins agreed. "It would certainly be more help than anything the police can do. They brought in police horses. Do they think the rapist is scared of horses or what?"

Avon and Somerset police have also drafted in extra officers and West Country Crimestoppers have offered the maximum reward of £5,000 for information leading to the arrest and charge of a suspect. The hope is that someone may have suspicions as to the identity of the man, who wore a hood and gloves for the attacks, and will come forward.

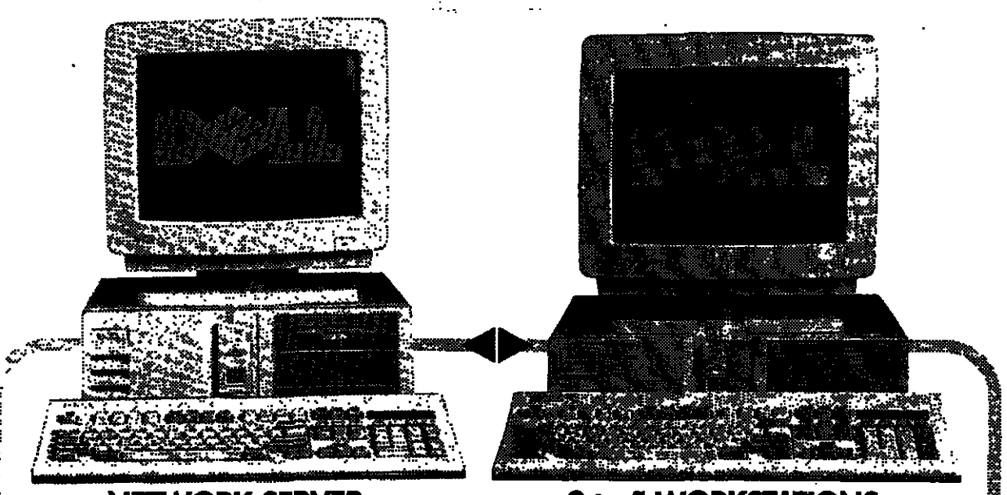
Det Insp Paul Moody said: "Women should have the right to walk alone in the town and it is imperative that we catch this man."

Those enjoying the cooling atmosphere of the canal in the heat agreed. "There is no way you can penetrate the mind of a man who does such things," Majorie Beeny, who is the same age as the first victim, said. "Nor of the wife, mother or girl friend who in such cases often protects the man while being suspicious."



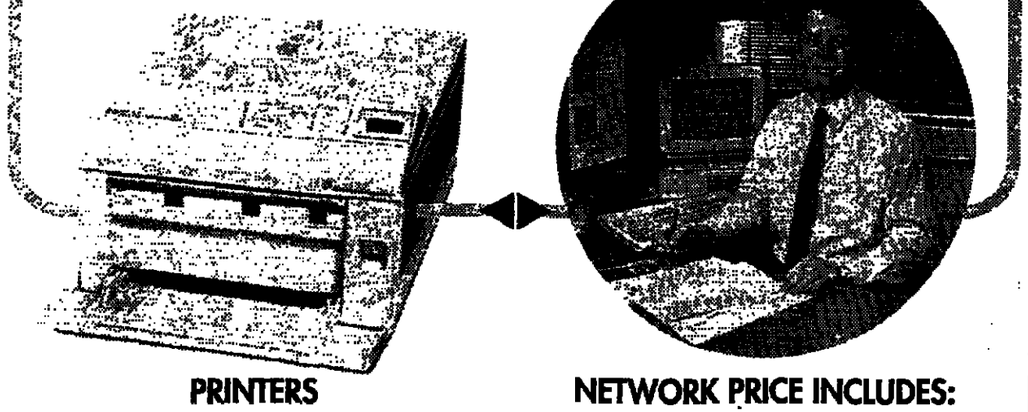
Night terrors: the towpath of the Bridgwater and Taunton canal, which links the attacks on three women

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Vineyard faces new champagne challenge

By A Staff Reporter

CHAMPAGNE producers reopened their fight yesterday with a small British vineyard that markets a sparkling soft drink as "Elderflower champagne".

In February Mr Justice Mervyn Davies, ruled that the label on the Surrey-based Thorncroft Vineyard's drink, which is sold in champagne-style bottles with wired corks, was a "misrepresentation calculated to deceive".

The judge refused to grant the French an injunction, however, because he said that the risk of damage to the reputation of real champagne was nil or minimal.

Yesterday the champagne houses, led by Taittinger, which say that Thorncroft, of Leatherhead, has tried to cash in on their goodwill and reputation, appealed against the judge's ruling. They want the Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, and Lords Justices Mann and Peter Gibson to say that there is a risk of damage, and impose an injunction.

The French are accusing the vineyard of passing off its product as being the same as, or having some connection with, genuine champagne. They say that the word champagne is restricted by law to wines made in the Champagne district.

Thorncroft, which began marketing Elderflower champagne in 1989, is also appealing against the judge's ruling that there was a misrepresentation. Dr Guy Woodall, head of the company, says that his product is based on his grandmother's recipe and that the drink dates back to the Middle Ages.

The hearing, which will concentrate on complex points of law, is expected to last two days.

Samurai swordsman jailed for five years

By A Staff Reporter

A MAN who severed a policeman's hand with a samurai sword was jailed for five years at the Old Bailey yesterday. Peter Gilchrist, 34, attacked Detective Sergeant Bob Window after he went with other officers to Gilchrist's home to investigate a complaint made by his former wife.

As Det Sgt Window stood on the doorstep, he heard a man scream a war cry and saw a figure holding something in both hands, raised above his head, coming at him from the shadows. Mr Window put up his arm in self-defence and was struck by the sword.

Gilchrist had immediately felt remorse over what he had done and picked up the hand, put it in a bag and ran through the streets to give it back to the officer, the court was told. The hand was packed between frozen packs of vegetables and Det Sgt Window was flown by helicopter to hospital where the hand was successfully sewn back on.

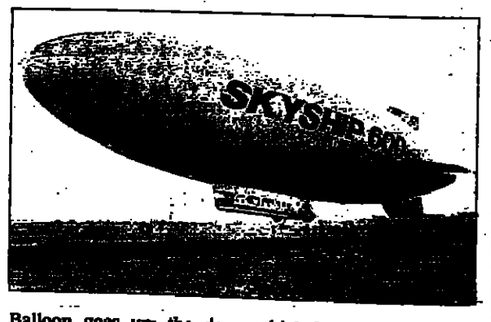
Judge Kenneth Richardson rejected a plea to send Gilchrist, a warehouseman, to a secure psychiatric unit for two years, as "it would, quite rightly, cause public outrage".

The judge told Gilchrist: "You severed his hand with one slash of that wicked samurai sword. I have no doubt that, if he had not put up his hand, you would have split his skull and faced a charge of murder."

Gilchrist, of Tottenham, north London, was cleared last month of attempting to murder Det Sgt Window but convicted of causing him grievous bodily harm.

The detective still has to attend hospital every day and will have another operation next month to give him better movement.

Airships launched on secret mission



Balloon goes up: the defence ministry confirmed yesterday that it had placed an order for a 194ft airship, above, originally designed by a British firm (Nick Nuttall writes).

The Skyship 600 bristles with the latest listening and camera monitoring technology. A spokesman for the defence ministry said yesterday: "We are looking at a whole number of different applications." He said that the attraction of airships were their long endurance, carrying ability and that they were "more environmentally friendly".

Unlike older airships, which were prone to fires, modern ones use helium which is non-combustible. Airships are also relatively silent compared with helicopters. The ministry confirmed that they were ideal platforms from which to "drop things".

One suggestion has been to deploy the airship in Northern Ireland to spy on terrorist activity along the Irish border. The ministry dismissed this as speculation.

The Skyship 600 was designed by Airship Industries, of Cardington, Bedfordshire, which is now defunct. Some of its assets were bought by Westinghouse Surveillance, an American firm that now builds the airship.

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Police informer awaits IRA bullet on return to Ulster

BY A STAFF REPORTER

■ Beano Casey is back in town and running scared. A Republican source says: "I doubt very much if he has won a reprieve"

DECLAN "Beano" Casey, a self-proclaimed IRA double agent, lay low in Northern Ireland yesterday after returning to Strabane, co. Tyrone, in a blaze of publicity, apparently to await an assassin's bullet.

Nobody in the border town saw anything of the man who claimed, through the pages of a national newspaper, that he worked for the security forces while a quarter-master for the IRA and that he was involved in more than a dozen murders.

Republicans in the town were amazed at reports that he was back. "Nobody has seen him around," said one who knew that Casey's wife and children still lived in the area.

Casey, 38, returned to his family in Strabane at the weekend because of home sickness after giving up a new life and identity in Nottingham arranged by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, according to reports. He was said to have been given £40,000 and a £75,000 house.

He now awaits the killers he is certain the IRA will send. "I know I will be executed but if I can't be with my family there is nothing to live for," he told the *Daily Mirror*. A Republican source said: "I doubt very much if he has won a reprieve."

The police said little about the affair. They read the five-page story on Casey's exploits and wondered what would be reported in the days to come.

Meetings among senior officers to decide how to handle what could become a big scandal went on all day. "We are studying what this man has to say," a spokesman said.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, issued a statement saying he knew that the police were studying the newspaper report. He emphasised that it had always been the government's job in Northern Ireland to uphold law and order.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary is understood to have placed a discreet guard around Casey and his family, although few expect the IRA to rush in. The Rev William McCrea, the mid-Ulster Democratic Unionist Party MP, said that he was outraged at the reports and demanded that Sir Patrick explain the situation.

"Declan Casey seems to have admitted to some press that he has been involved in over a dozen killings. Many of those people are innocent people," Mr McCrea said. "It seems to be rather sick that the authorities allow him to go out and be involved in the murders of innocent people in my constituency but that is totally unacceptable."

A number of MPs plan to table questions to the Northern Ireland Secretary about the affair. Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, also demanded a public statement. "He must state whether information supplied by Casey was ignored by the RUC and people allowed to die to protect this informer," it said. Sinn Fein added that, as Casey had been paid by police and apparently by a newspaper, his claims must be treated with suspicion.

Casey was allegedly the Royal Ulster Constabulary's top double agent for five years, giving them information which saved scores of lives while continuing with his terror campaign. He is said to have fled to England last year after a series of security forces swoops wrecked the IRA group in Strabane.

Royal Ascot feasts on a week of sumptuous irrelevance



Bon appétit: Neil Goulden, chief executive of Letheby & Christopher's, caterer to Royal Ascot, awaits the invasion of the balcony restaurant that will serve 1,250 meals a day (Julian Muscat writes). We may at the moment be a nation of sporting duffers with a £50 billion deficit, but come Royal Ascot and many of us are gripped by a collective amnesia. From the Square Mile, Westminster and the most desirable parts of rural England, the Bentleys and Range Rovers will converge for a week of sumptuous irrelevance.

About 15,000 bottles of champagne and 22,000 bottles of wine will be downed, and 4,000 lobsters, 1,000 salmon and enough strawberries to bury Wimbledon will be scoffed over the next four days. A successful Royal Ascot evidently depends on the right proportion of sun and rain over the vineyards of France, plentiful fish in the world's oceans, and fertility of Britain's soil, in which racing too has its roots. According to Mr Goulden, we are a refined lot nowadays. "The beef has to be served so rare it must almost be able to get back up and walk away from you."

Regulars such as Roger Moore and Joan Collins (if she is allowed in, that is) will doubtless be lunching in one of the 285 private boxes. Settle down, if you will, to a four-course feast of quails' eggs, a whole lobster, fillet of beef and strawberries and cream, all washed down with the finest Krug. The price will be £120 a head.

"Business has held steady," Mr Goulden said. "The box holders expect greater value for money but the price per head has not come down in this recession. But it's not quite like the late 1980s, when we just rolled up here and started counting the money." Many of the box luncheons will stem from corporate entertainment accounts and very few boxes will go unused this year.

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Doctor apologises for cancer error

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE doctor whose mistaken diagnosis of bone cancer led to a boy being given unnecessary chemotherapy apologised issued a public apology to the patient and his family yesterday.

Dr Carol Starkie, the pathologist in the bone tumour unit at the Royal Orthopaedic hospital, Birmingham, disclosed that she had been suffering from multiple sclerosis and is to seek early retirement on medical grounds.

As a result of her mistake, about 100 patients treated at the hospital are to have their cancer tests rechecked for further errors. Some have already had treatment cancelled while they wait for the new results.

The boy, who has not been named, lost all his hair as a result of three days of chemotherapy with toxic drugs before a routine second check showed that his conditon was not malignant. He is being treated at a different hospital to help him to overcome the effects of the chemotherapy.

At a press conference yesterday, Dr Bernard Crump, director of public health for South Birmingham Health Authority, said that diagnosing bone cancers was complex and difficult. "Because the type of malignancy in question can be very serious and very rapid in its development, chemotherapy was started immediately," he said. It was stopped as soon as the mistake was discovered.

Dr Gillian Todd, chief executive of South Birmingham health authority's acute services unit, said: "This is an extremely difficult event and extremely harrowing for the parents of the boy. It may be a relief for them to know that their child does not have cancer but it would have been very traumatic to have discovered that he had undergone treatment for the disease."

She said that Dr Starkie, who is in her 50s, was one of only a handful of experts qualified to carry out bone cancer diagnoses. She confirmed that Dr Starkie had sought early retirement only as a result of the error being revealed. There was no evidence that the boy would suffer long term effects of the chemotherapy but he was being closely monitored, she said.

A four-member panel headed by Dr Enid Vincent, chairman of Wandsworth Health Authority, will be re-open the files of patients diagnosed by Dr Starkie and temporarily halt the treatment of patients receiving chemotherapy at the hospital. The enquiry is expected to last several weeks.



Crump: "Diagnosing of bone cancers is difficult"

Aids in homosexuals expected to decline

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

AIDS cases among homosexuals in England and Wales are expected to level off and decline in the next two years, but a slow rise among heterosexuals will continue.

By 1997, according to a government report published yesterday, there will be 770 new cases of heterosexually transmitted Aids every year. This compares with 1,350 among homosexuals and 165 among injecting drug users.

The increase among heterosexuals will be steady rather than sudden, according to Nicholas Day, Professor of public health at Cambridge University and chairman of the working group responsible for the new estimates. At present the growth of heterosexual Aids was slow because the pool of infection was small, he said. "As that pool increases, the risk of infection will increase."

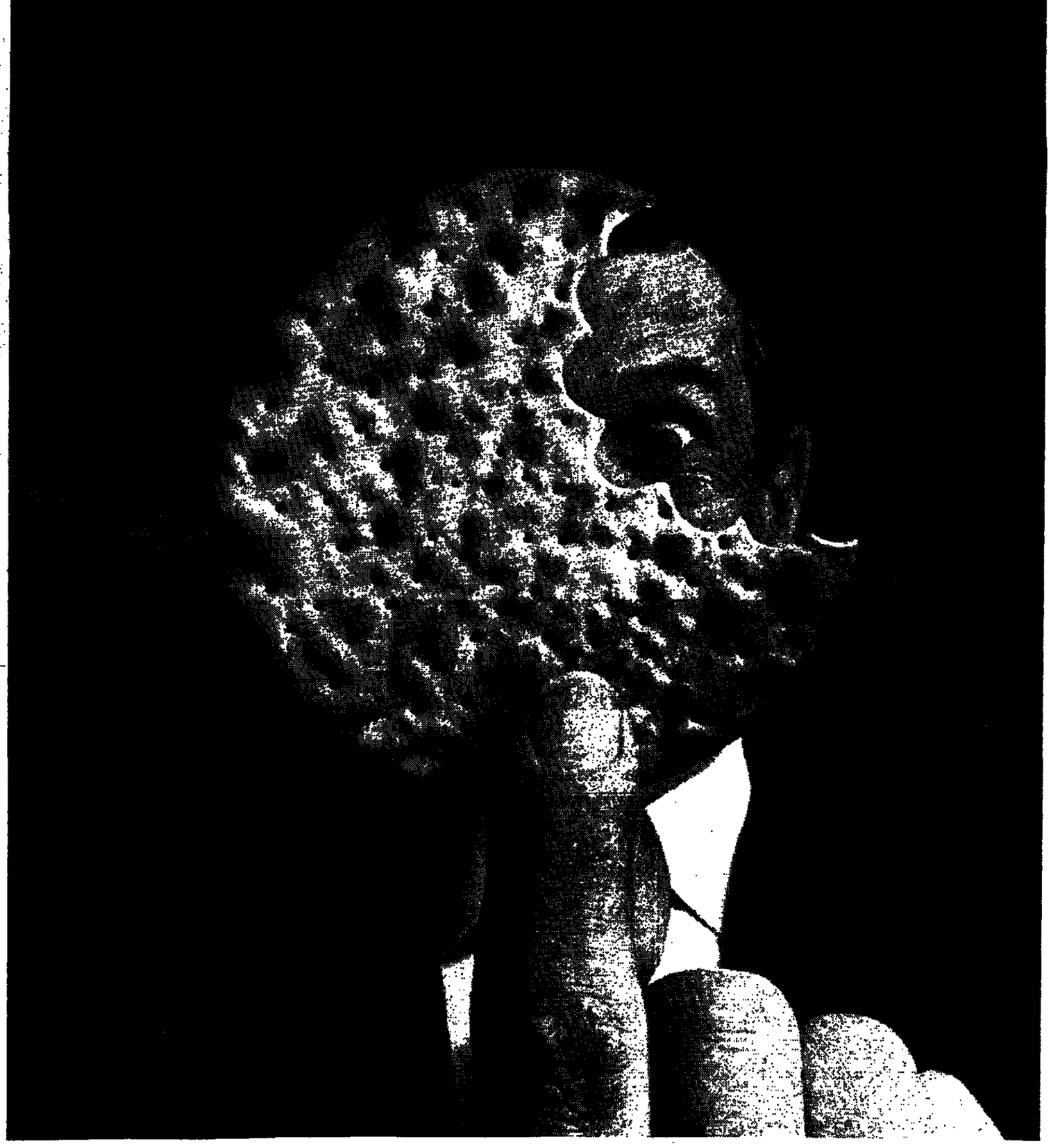
At the end of 1992, there were estimated to have been 2,237 cases of HIV infection among heterosexuals in England and Wales, almost three-quarters of which was caught abroad. Of the rest, 291 were in partners of those at high-risk, including injecting drug users, and only 117 in people with no other known risk.

Baroness Cumberlege, a junior health minister, said: "The figures vindicate the policies the government has put in place to fight the disease. The UK now has one of the lowest estimated HIV prevalence rates in western Europe. There are six times as many cases in France, four times as many in Spain and three times as many in Italy."

By the end of 1991 there were 23,990 people infected with HIV in England and Wales. Among homosexuals and drug users, the annual incidence of infection with HIV has peaked and is falling.

Professor Day said that, providing there were no changes in behaviour, Aids among homosexual men would fall in the second half of the decade.

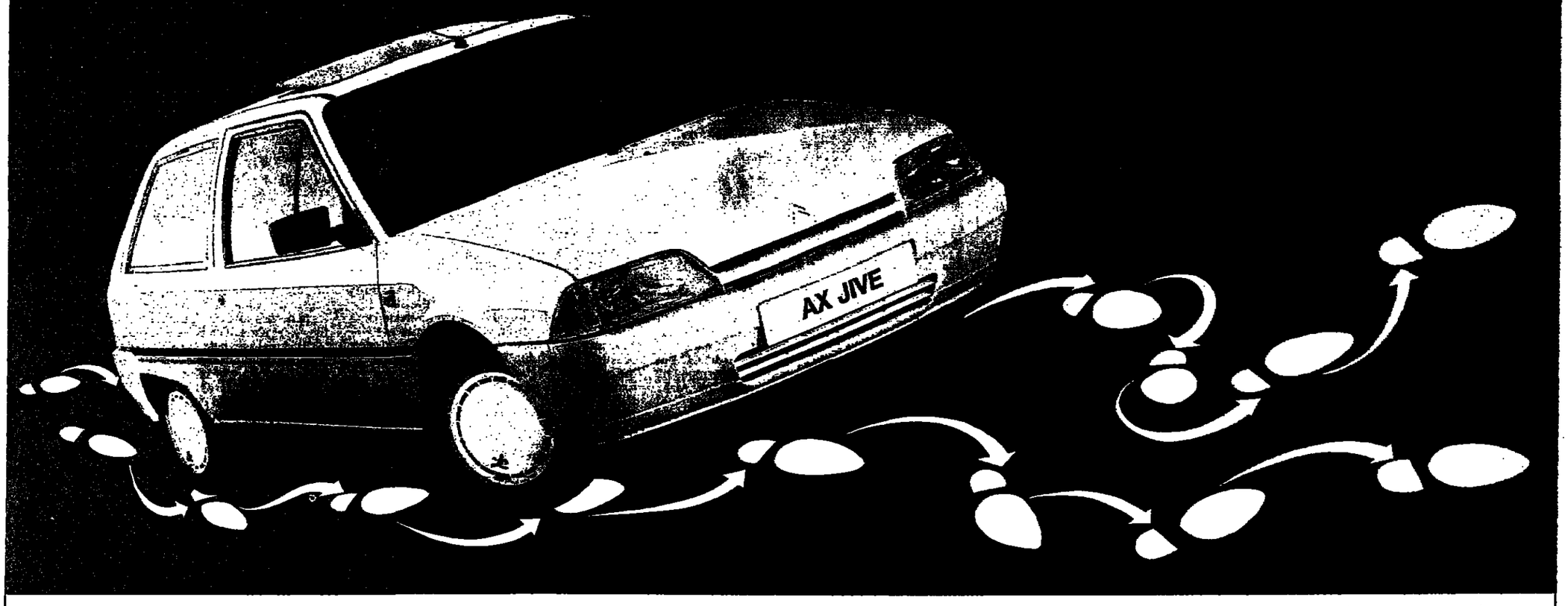
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Travel firms promise better advice to tourists

BY IAN MURRAY

■ Travel agents will consult the Foreign Office about pointing out potential dangers to people booking holidays

A NEW method of ensuring that tourists are warned of dangers at their holiday destinations is to be thrashed out between the travel industry and the Foreign Office after recent attacks on Britons in Egypt and the shooting of a pensioner in Washington DC.

"We are going to talk to the Foreign Office about ways in which information can be given more clearly to potential customers before they buy their tickets," Martin Brackenbury, chairman of the Tour Operator Study Group, said yesterday. "Travel agents often haven't given as comprehensive advice as they can. It would be helpful if they provided customers with the most up-to-date advice before they make a firm booking."

The Foreign Office has issued travel advice concerning difficulties for travellers in 70 countries, although it gives a clear warning not to travel to only seven: Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq, Liberia, Libya and Zaire. All the information is updated regularly and sent out on Ceefax, so that travel agents can look it up as soon as a customer makes an enquiry.

Mr Brackenbury said that the advice could be printed in future. "One of the big problems we face is that the public just ignore information if it is not personalised."

Travel agents were accused of failing to give customers adequate advice on Granada Television's *World In Action* last night. Researchers posing as tourists enquired about holidays to Egypt at 30 different agencies. None passed on a Foreign Office warning issued last October that "complete security cannot be guaranteed" there.

"Quite frankly we were flabbergasted that not one of them bothered to mention it," Rob Brown, the programme's spokesman, said. "If you hadn't read in the papers that tourists in Egypt were a target of extremists you would never have found out from the agents we visited."

The programme issued its own list of the ten most dangerous holiday destinations, which are shown on the map below.



Mike Grindrod, president of the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta), said members should give advice to anyone making a booking and he would personally see to it that any company failing to do so was disciplined.

"I would be disappointed if the majority of companies were not doing this already," he said. "The Foreign Office advice is good, but there is always the suspicion that they are driven by other considerations such as the need not to offend another country. That is why they are perhaps not sufficiently cautious about some destinations."

A Foreign Office spokesman said that although individual cases received considerable publicity, tourism was generally safer than staying at home. "Out of 31.5 million Britons who went abroad last year, only 1,261 died abroad. Most died from natural causes or accidents. There were only about ten cases of murder. In the end, tourists have to take responsibility for their own actions."

SIMON WALKER



Act of detente: Richard Nelson, left, and Alexander Gelman corresponded via a translator to write the play

East and West unite in dramatic coup

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

A COLLABORATION between Boris Yeltsin's speech-writer and one of America's foremost playwrights is expected to be one of the dramatic highlights of the Royal Shakespeare Company's year.

Rehearsals of *Misha's Party*, by Alexander Gelman and Richard Nelson, have begun in London for the world premiere at the Barbican next month. It is one of the most high-profile cultural collaborations between East and West since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The action takes place during a birthday party in a hotel opposite the White House in Moscow on the night of the putsch in August 1991. While "little Misha", the birthday host, deals with his family troubles, "big Misha" — Mikhail Gorbachev — is dealing with the rupture of a nation. Gelman, a leading political figure, was in the Russian parliament building during the putsch.

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Nuclear weapons factory a 'serious threat to safety'

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S nuclear weapons factory at Aldermaston in Berkshire is a serious safety hazard threatening the health of staff and people living nearby, according to a BBC *Panorama* programme shown last night.

Many of its oldest buildings are said to be riddled with contaminated equipment, materials and plant which urgently need to be dismantled and made safe.

But a plan drawn up in the 1980s to do that has fallen foul of cash and manning cutbacks, it is claimed. The cuts not only threaten staff and villagers but also the production of a new generation of Trident warheads.

The warheads are being built in ageing premises as a new facility, which was scheduled for completion in 1988 under the rebuilding programme, remains unfinished.

Peter Jones, former head of the plant and a director from 1982 to 1987, claims the existing buildings of the Atomic Weapons Establishment would be incapable of containing a serious radiation leak.

Mr Jones, a consultant to the defence ministry, claims the old, shut down buildings, are "a highly undesirable legacy for the nuclear industry to leave. It's something with many thousands of years' potential risk in it." He said some of the buildings, several of which are more than 30 years old, have rubber seals and other containment devices that are in danger of degrading, leading to an escape of radioactive plutonium.

Mr Jones said yesterday: "While I was there we drew up long-term plans on how we could equip ourselves to disassemble the contents of old buildings but this has got stretched out over time." The programme was aimed at developing techniques to strip down the sites and seal the contents in special containers. "As far as I am aware, those programmes have been continually put back for financial and manpower reasons," he told *The Times*.

Staff also claim that safety inspections have become a joke. Confidential documents show that a serious leak last December, in which four workers were exposed to radiation, was caused by a corroded plutonium canister which had not been inspected for two years. In one building, known as A50, staff are so concerned about contamination they refuse to be posted there. Abandoned glove boxes, highly contaminated with radioactive plutonium, are shored up with scaffolding to stop them collapsing, it is claimed.

The safety conditions surrounding the production of the new Trident has dismayed the Commons defence committee, which is calling for A90, the code name of the new building, to be completed without any more delay. The committee's report, to be published later this month, warns that any more delays could affect production of the warhead.

The defence ministry yesterday denied that safety standards were lax. "The facilities continue to be maintained to rigorous standards. There are double and triple checks going on all the time," a spokeswoman said.

News of Aldermaston's condition comes as a leading academic claims the future of Britain's independent nuclear weapons' capability is now in doubt after the government handed over the site to private contractors on April 1. Dr Graham Spinardi, of the University of Edinburgh, argues that Britain's ability to design its own warheads had rested on scientists making innovative leaps in the absence of significant funding.

Sex harassment claims rise 50%

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

COMPLAINTS of sexual harassment have risen by almost 50 per cent to a record level, an increase largely caused by the recession, the Equal Opportunities Commission says.

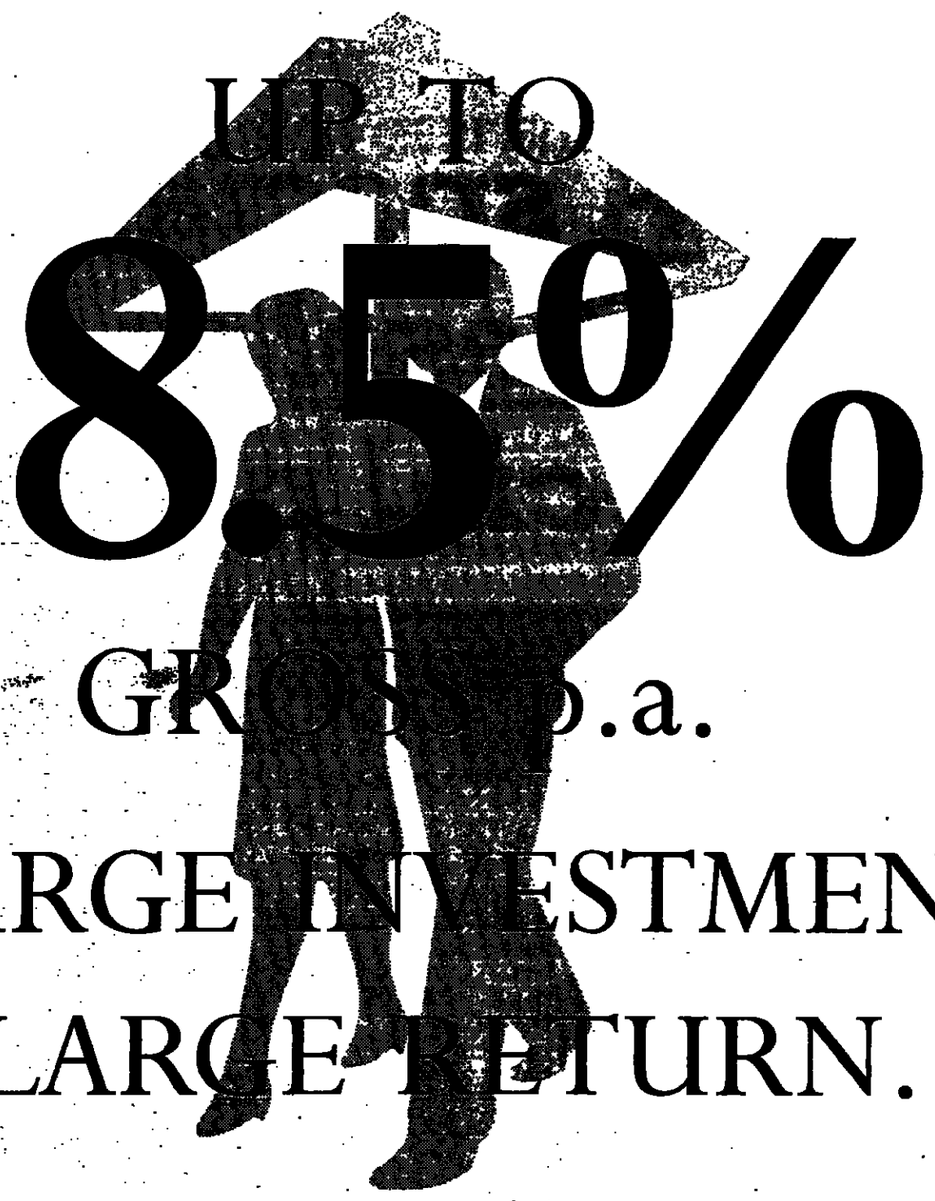
A sharp rise in the number of employees seeking redress for sexual discrimination at work is a further indication of growing dissatisfaction at the tougher attitudes taken by employers because of the economic downturn.

The commission says in its annual report today that it handled more than 13,000 enquiries and complaints last year, mainly about terms and conditions of work. Complaints about sexual harassment rose to 900 from 573 in 1991.

In an interview today in the magazine *Personnel Today*, which gives details of the report in advance of its official publication later today, Kamlesh Bahl, the commission's new chairman, defends its role in high-profile sex discrimination cases such as that brought by Alison Halford, formerly an assistant chief constable of Merseyside police, against the force. "It does not matter whether you win or lose because by bringing a significant case you create a positive ripple effect," she says.

Judith Byrne-White, the assistant chief executive, said complaints of sex discrimination had increased because "the recession has resulted in a squeezing of the labour force and more people being made redundant". An increasing awareness of individual rights was also seen as a factor.

Some employers have questioned the need to maintain equal opportunity policies at work at a time of high unemployment. But Ms Bahl says: "Mercifully we are out of the recession so anyone who wants to argue the toss about that will find it an increasingly dated argument."



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Health authority pulls out of tribunal case against hospital whistle-blower

Rebel nurse wins £11,000 for sacking

BY RONALD FAUX AND JEREMY LAURANCE

GRAHAM Pink, the staff nurse who became Britain's best-known whistle-blower after complaining publicly about the alleged poor quality of care in the hospital where he worked, won £11,000 yesterday from the health authority that sacked him.

Mr Pink, who lost his job because of his campaign over staffing and conditions at Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport, Greater Manchester, brought a claim of unfair dismissal against Stockport health authority. Yesterday the authority withdrew from the industrial tribunal and agreed to pay Mr Pink £11,188, the maximum that he could have expected if the tribunal had found in his favour.

The actions of Mr Pink, 62, led the government to devise new guidelines for staff on speaking out about poor standards in the national health service, which were published last week. He won the backing of his nursing colleagues and earlier this year was elected to the profession's regulatory body, polling more than five times as many votes as his nearest rival.

The health authority blamed its withdrawal on the high cost of the action. Tony Russell, its chairman, said that the case had already cost £90,000, with the prospect that a further £250,000 might have to be diverted from resources earmarked for patient care. "This we are not prepared to do. At the end of the day, what we are defending are the golden rules of nursing. They are that all patients have the absolute right to expect confidentiality at all times and staff have the right and duty to raise matters of concern within the National Health Service, provided they do not breach that confidentiality," he said.

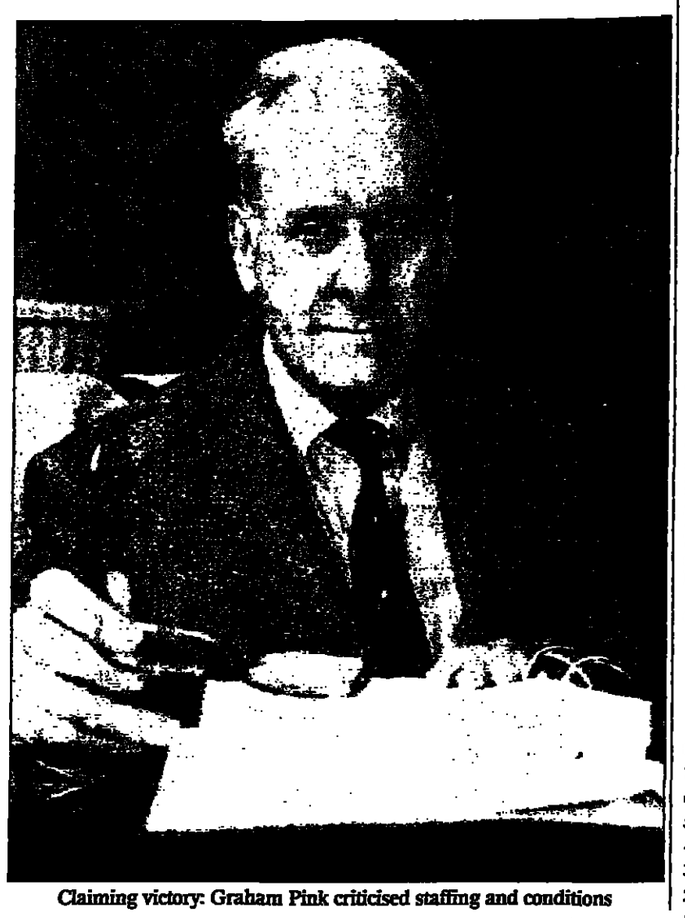
Mr Pink had admitted on more than one occasion that he deliberately breached that principle and his contract of employment. Disciplinary action started in 1990 and he was dismissed after refusing a new post in community nursing.

Mr Russell said that the tribunal hearing could have lasted up to three months; only one witness was heard in the first ten days. "We found ourselves defending procedures and technicalities instead of principles," he said. "With 20-20 hindsight, we were technically wrong in not issuing Mr Pink with a formal warning when he began his campaign in the media, but as a public authority dealing with an individual we were at pains to address all his concerns before taking disciplinary action."

Mr Pink was not available for comment yesterday but Robin Lewis, his solicitor, claimed a victory that he said would bring joy to the thousands of health-care professionals who had recently elected him to the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.

Mr Lewis said: "His victory represents a triumph for those whose priority is care for patients over those whose first care is for balance sheets. If Stockport health authority had admitted two years ago what they have admitted today, a huge amount of resources could have been saved. As it is, today's concession means not only that resources have been wasted on legal costs, but that the public has heard only half the story."

The new guidelines for national health service staff on dealings with the media have been described by Mr Pink as "a gagger's charter". Under the new guidance, health service managers retain the right to discipline staff who tell the press about poor standards of patient care.



Claiming victory: Graham Pink criticised staffing and conditions

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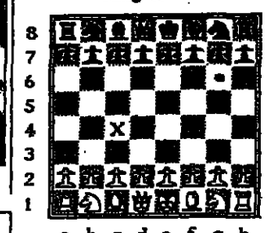
BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

I HAVE been deluged with enquiries from readers to repeat my explanation of the algebraic system of notation, comprehension of which will be essential for following the Kasparov-Short World Championship games in *The Times*.

Chess, in contrast to almost all other sports, has a perfect medium in algebraic notation for reliving the drama and detail of any game. Readers comparatively new to the game, or who may have learned only the older "English Descriptive" notation, will find what follows helpful. It is assumed that the reader knows how to play chess.

Each piece is represented by a letter, as follows:

Knight N
Bishop B
Rook R
Queen Q
King K



a b c d e f g h

The squares on the board are described by co-ordinates comprising a letter and number (see diagram). For instance, the square marked with a cross is c4, that marked with a circle is g6. This follows the principle of references on an A-Z street guide or road map.

When a piece is moved, the initial letter of that piece is indicated at the start of the move; when it is a pawn, however, mention is made only of the square on which it arrives when the move is completed. Examples of the difference are White's first move in the game which follows, 1 d4 (white pawn goes to d4), and Black's first move 1 . . . Nf6 (black knight goes to f6).

Captures are represented with an x. For example, in the game below, the first pawn capture by White (on move 9) is the pawn on the e-file capturing the black pawn on d5 (9exd5). The first piece captured by White is on move 16: the bishop on h6 takes the black bishop on g7 (16 Bxg7).

Castling is represented by 0-0 or 0-0-0. In the first case, castling kingside, the king moves from e1 to g1 (or e8 to g8, if Black is castling), with the rook moving at the same time from h1 to f1 (or h8 to f8). In castling queenside, the king moves from e1 to c1 (or e8 to c8) and the rook from a1 to d1 (or a8 to d8). In the following game, Black castles kingside on move 5 and White castles queenside on move 13.

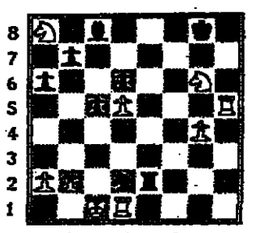
The following game is reported twice, first with algebraic notation and then with the older descriptive notation.

White: Grigory Kaidanov
Black: Alex Sherzer
New York 1993

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	Be2	0-0
6	Bg5	c5
7	d5	e6
8	Qd2	exd5
9	cxd5	Qb6
10	Nf3	Bf5
11	Nh4	Bg4
12	f3	Bc8
13	0-0-0	Nbd7
14	Bh6	a6
15	g4	Ne8
16	Bxg7	Nxg7
17	Ng2	f5
18	h4	hg4
19	hg4	Ne5
20	h5	Rf7
21	hxg6	Nec4
22	gxh7+	Kh8
23	Nh4	Nh5
24	Ng6+	Kxh7
25	Rxh5+	Kg8
26	Na4	Nxd2
27	Nxb6	Rxe2
28	Nxa8	Black resigns
1	P-Q4	N-KB3
2	P-QB4	P-KN3
3	N-QB3	B-N2
4	P-K4	P-Q3
5	B-K2	Castles K-side
6	B-N5	P-B4
7	P-Q5	P-K3
8	Q-Q2	PxP
9	KPxP	Q-N3
10	N-B3	B-B4
11	N-KR4	B-N5
12	P-B3	B-B1
13	Castles	Q-side QN-Q2
14	B-R6	P-R3
15	P-KN4	N-K1
16	BxB	NxB
17	N-N2	P-B4
18	P-R4	PxP
19	PxP	N-K4
20	P-R5	R-B7
21	PxP	NxBP
22	PxP+	K-R1
23	N-KR4	N-KR4
24	N-N6+	KxP
25	RxN+	K-N1
26	N-QR4	NxQ
27	NxQ	RxB
28	NxR	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

Chess news

KENT proved the value of well-organised coaching for children at the weekend when their three teams dominated the first under-14 county match in London.

With two junior internationals, Catherine Holmes and Rosalind Kieran, the first team romped away with the title, scoring 14½ out of a possible 16 points.

Kent's success is encouraging other counties to copy its methods of coaching and team building, starting with younger players and going on into senior levels.

Results: Under-14 girls county championship: Kent 1, 14½; Kent 2, 12½; Suffolk, Surrey 1 and Wiltshire B, 10½; Kent 3, 10.

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Type phone gives deaf key to calls

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A TELEPHONE that allows deaf and hearing-impaired people to make calls in public places went on trial yesterday.

The payphone, which is operated by a BT Phonecard, has a sliding keyboard and screen on which messages can be typed and received. Stephen Iliffe, a magazine editor who is deaf, made the first call on the new machine, from King's Cross station, to his wife, Emma, at their home in Southgate, north London.

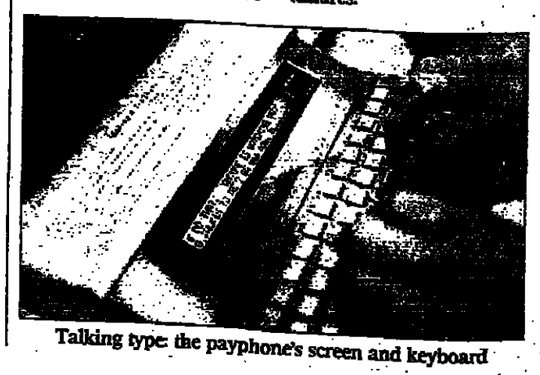
Mr Iliffe, 31, said: "Deaf people already have access to the telephone at home and in the office. By extending that access to public payphones, it will be further enfranchising deaf people as equal citizens. It will help extend a powerful revolution in telecommunications for deaf people into public places."

The new telephones, which can also be used by people without hearing difficulties, are also to be tested at Heathrow's terminal 3, a BT shop in Glasgow and at deaf centres in Holborn, Birmingham and Doncaster. Karl Holweger, of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, said that if tests were successful, the institute would push for a national network.

About 7.5 million people in the United Kingdom suffer some form of hearing loss, with an estimated 400,000 who could benefit from the text payphone.

The phone is used by first placing the receiver in a holder on the side of the device, inserting a Phonecard and dialling. If the person receiving the call is in, a drawer slides out for typing the text. Calls can be received on text phones or by using a special operator to type responses.

Text payphones have been installed in the United States since 1988. BT engineers have redesigned them for use in Britain, with vandal-proof features.



Talking type: the payphone's screen and keyboard

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Firefighters' dispute

Index-linked pay offered in effort to avert strike

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

LOCAL authority employers will try to avert the first national firefighters strike for 15 years by promising to restore an index-linked pay formula for Britain's 48,000 fire crews.

Government ministers, who have not yet decided how to follow this year's 1.5 per cent public sector pay limit, are likely to be angered by the move, in part because, in effect, it disregards the possibility of any further government pay restraint next year. It may also be seen as giving in to a strike threat.

Leaders of the Fire Brigades Union have said that they will ballot their members on a national strike to retain the pay formula that ended Britain's first fire strike, in 1978. The formula sets firefighters' pay by relating it to increases in the top 25 per cent of male manual workers' earnings. Firefighters believe that the government's insistence that there will be no catching up on pay after this year's wage limit breaks that agreement.

But at a meeting with the union in two weeks' time, local authority employers are expected to give a commitment to restore the pay formula in full for the firefighters' settlement in November next year. The employers' leaders believe that firefighters are ready to accept a settlement in line with this year's wage limit, particularly if the pay formula this year produces a figure of about 2 per cent. They calculate that a statement to this effect may be enough to persuade the union to lift its strike threat and prevent a ballot.

If the union goes ahead and ballot, though, the employers will go over the union leaders' heads and seek directly to persuade firefighters around the country to vote against a strike. These will include a series of newspaper advertisements, to emphasise their commitment to restoring the pay formula.

The employers' statement will emphasise that the commitment to bring back the formula is in line with promises made by the prime minister to other groups, such as the armed forces. In a letter to Sir Peter Cazalet, chairman of the armed forces pay review body, Mr Major says that "the current period of pay restraint will last for one year only" and asks the review body to resume its full work for a 1994 pay deal.

Even so, the move by the Labour-controlled employers may anger ministers, who are yet to decide on public sector pay after the current limit runs out in November. The Treasury is divided over openly imposing another wage ceiling, with some officials believing that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is more likely to favour a further year of pay restraint than his predecessor, Norman Lamont.

Although the employers believe there is little the Home Office can do in practice if the firefighters' pay formula is restored in full, they also recognise that Michael Howard, the home secretary, is unlikely to draw away from a clash with the union in the face of its strike threat. Employers' leaders believe, though, that at a politically sensitive time, the government might lose even more public support in taking on the firefighters.



MARC ASHLAND

Curtain call: Shireen Akbar, of the Victoria and Albert Museum, examining large textile panels made by Asian women in Britain. Fifteen richly decorated panels, inspired by the museum's Nehru Gallery of Indian Art and modelled on the traditional Mughal tent, are on display until July 4. Ms Akbar set up the project to encourage women to explore their Indian heritage and to try to prevent feelings of isolation

Jailed gangs questioned over source of guns

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

MORE than 400 armed robbers, including leading gang members, have been interviewed in prison as part of research by the Home Office, police and academics into rising gun crime and the source of the underworld's supply of weapons.

Detectives believe there has been a steady supply of weapons smuggled into Britain after the Falklands and Gulf wars. They also suspect some gun collectors of not declaring all their weapons and that these are being stolen but not reported missing.

The results of the research will be available by this autumn and will be closely studied by chief constables. Last year an academic paper by a Scotland Yard detective into London armed robberies underlined the gaps in research on guns and suggested that, although the size of the pool of criminal weapons was unknown, there were many guns in circulation.

A team of researchers at Leicester University is completing the last interviews of more than 330 armed robbers who have been questioned about their work. Dr Martin Gill said that those interviewed included members of robbery gangs going back to the 1960s.

Work has also just been completed by Dr Shona Morrison at Oxford University's Centre for Criminology, interviewing a further 90 robbers for a Home Office study. Her work will examine the attitude of criminals towards guns and committing robberies, and also involves a study of police files on cases.

A third study being carried out within the Home Office is looking at how guns are stolen. Working with police forces, the researchers are checking files and charges involving guns to see where the weapons were taken from.

Police believe that the spread of armed robbery is linked to drug dealing. A number of armed robbery teams have moved into drug trafficking in recent years, bringing with them the violence of their former trade. There is concern that police are uncovering weapons during searches of homes of suspects for offences unrelated to guns. They cite the current Bumblebee operation across London against burglars, which uncovered a number of guns.

Officers at the Yard and other forces have studied the paper on London robberies by Det Chief Insp Adrian Maybanks. He said he was uncertain how many weapons were leaking from the legal market and called for more arms amnesties to persuade the public to hand over souvenir guns.

News in brief

Pacific raft enters port for repairs

Tim Severin and the crew of the *Xiu Fu*, a replica 3rd century bamboo raft, have limped into port on Miyako Island, southwest of Japan, with a broken mast.

Japanese officials said yesterday that the sailors, who left Hong Kong in mid-May on a 6,500-mile trip to the Americas, feared that the damage might have left them stranded. Mr Severin and his crew are seeking to prove a link between pre-Columbian America and the ancient civilisations of Asia.

Murder case

Arron Bamborough, 23, and Rowland Thorp, 26, both of Chessington, Surrey, were remanded in custody by magistrates in southwest London, charged with the murder of Martin Jacks, a trainee accountant, in Putney.

Attack remand

Joseph Peter Roche, 23, of Chipperfield, Hertfordshire, was remanded in custody, charged with the attempted murder of Linda Hardy, 43, who was attacked while walking her dogs.

Youths in court

Four teenagers aged between 16 and 19 were remanded in custody by magistrates in Cardiff, charged with murdering Les Reed, 45, who was kicked to death on Friday.

Worthy book

A rare medieval psalter found in a £20 job lot of books at an auction in Essex is expected to fetch £5,000 at Sotheby's next week.

School arson

A man aged 41 was being questioned after a fire caused smoke damage to a science laboratory at Marlborough College, Wiltshire.

Vaughan post

The entertainer Frankie Vaughan has been appointed a deputy lieutenant of Buckinghamshire.

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Clarke steps into firing line of Tory civil war over tax

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ **The Chancellor's Mansion House speech tonight will help to decide the battle between left and right**

THE Cavaliers and the Roundheads fighting the civil war in the Tory party have limped home from Europe and pitched their tents on a new domestic battlefield. With Maastricht passions temporarily exhausted, tax and spending are now stirring the blood of right and left.

Enter Kenneth Clarke. His Mansion House speech tonight should go a long way towards determining the course of the conflict.

The right-wing Cavaliers, still dreaming of a restoration of their fallen leader, are restive. If the new Chancellor sides with the Roundheads and signals a preference for more tax increases in the November Budget, battle will certainly be joined.

The overwhelming view on the right of the party is that the £50 billion public sector deficit has to be tackled through severe cuts in the £253.6 billion control total for next year rather than tax increases over and above the extension of VAT to domestic fuel next year, the immediate freezing of personal tax allowances and the impending rise in National Insurance contributions.

Mr Clarke's speech to an audience of bankers, industrialists and economic pundits is his first as Chancellor and has been billed to range well beyond the intricacies of monetary policy that traditionally inform the Mansion House address. He can be relied upon to highlight the menace to economic recovery posed by a deficit of almost IMF proportions. But diagnosis will not be enough. The Tory right want a drastic cure.

Second only to concern about the government's indebtedness is the pace of the recovery. The Euro-sceptic right was deeply opposed to British membership of the exchange-rate mechanism and believes that ill-fated venture prolonged the recession by keeping interest rates too high for too long. Even after "White Wednesday", the feeling persists that the recovery is being impeded by unwarranted Treasury caution over cutting base rates.

If Mr Clarke really wants to boost his lowly credit-rating with the right, he will make a quest for economic growth the watchword of his speech.

Last week's Commons debate on economic policy gave Tory right-wingers the chance to air their views. The attitude of the majority was summed up by John Townend, a leading figure in the 92 Group of right-wing MPs and chairman of the backbench finance committee.

"I must tell the new Chancellor bluntly that he should turn his attention to what I admit is the difficult task of reducing public expenditure and forget any idea of increasing income tax, especially the standard rate. If we go into the next election with direct tax rates higher than those at the previous election ... we shall be finished." Tory MPs would not stand for a massive increase in taxation in place of spending cuts, he added.

Privately, many of Mr Townend's colleagues among the 92 Group and the Thatcherite No Turning Back Group endorse this view. David Willetts, a member of the No Turning Back Group, called for better targeting of benefits (code for cuts) and said growth was the best cure for the deficit.

But some long-standing monetarists such as Sir Peter Hordern, a member of the 92 Group and the 1922 executive, fear that the right is in danger of throwing the baby of sound money out with the bathwater of rapid growth. In the debate, he advocated spending cuts and an increase in corporation tax, while warning of the inflationary dangers of cutting interest rates "to the point of invisibility".

The other side of the coin, as some of the centre-left bitterly point out, is that big public spending cuts would also be unpopular and vulnerable to a Commons ambush by the right wing.

Nor is the right wholly united. John Biffen may have become semi-detached from Baroness Thatcher in the mid-1980s, but his right-wing credentials are strong. In the same debate, the former Treasury chief secretary, said that the size of the deficit was so great that it could not be bridged by spending cuts alone. The basic rate of income tax would have to go up by 2p at least.

Lord Howe's detachment from the former prime minister is now total, but in the early 1980s he was the dogged and ultimately successful instrument of her will. He too reminded his colleagues yesterday that there was nothing sacrosanct about the 25p in the pound basic rate of tax.



Townend: "Forget any idea of increasing tax"



Biffen: deficit cannot be bridged by cuts alone

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Women at work: Teresa Gorman, left, and Glenda Jackson try out the new Women Into Politics Actionline, which opens for business on Thursday. The two MPs are part of a campaign to encourage women to be more involved in politics locally and nationally

New Chancellor gets a taste of battle

Kenneth Clarke was appointed Chancellor for his political talents rather than for his economic judgment. He is an astute broadbrush politician with acute populist instincts. But he has seldom shown depth, and his bruising approach landed him in trouble at both the health and education departments. So far he has always been able to dig himself out through his quick wits. But the Treasury is more demanding. Casual remarks there could send seismic shocks through the markets. Success will depend not just on his proven abilities at the despatch box, but on a coherent intellectual framework.

His immediate political task has been to buy time for the government, and for the prime minister himself. As John Major pointed out in the Commons last Wednesday in his bruised response to Norman Lamont, "a strong government needs political skills as well [as economic and financial skills] when leading a democratic society and, in particular, when handling a lively House of Commons with a small majority."

What Mr Lamont lacked — and it was real reason for his sacking — was the ability to instil confidence. Many of his decisions were shrewd and his Commons performances were resilient, but he often seemed defensive and prickly in public. He had none of the bouncy self-assurance, at times bordering on arrogance, of Denis Healey or Nigel Lawson. Even when times were tough, as they certainly were for Lord Healey for more than half his Chancellorship, he gave the impression of knowing where he and the economy were going.

Mr Clarke has a similar quality of vulgar rumbustiousness. His street-fighting qualities and candour, admitting the government is in a "dreadful hole", are disarming. His remarks so far as Chancellor have already raised the morale of Tory MPs and made him the fashion of the moment.

Such battling counter-attacks are not just his instinctive approach to any problem. He believes the public has to be offered a coherent long-term strategy if it is to accept the tough times ahead. And if the government is to ride out likely continued unpopularity over the next 18 months, particularly following the tough spending and tax decisions in the first unified Budget at the end of November.

While offering confidence, Mr Clarke has been cautious in talking about the economy. He has described recovery as modest and has noticeably avoided talking up expectations.

That is sensible political tactics. But it begs the economic questions. Even if a return to the ERM is off the agenda for the rest of this parliament, the government may still have to adopt a more active exchange-rate policy at some stage. Mr Clarke will have to show he is determined to stick to the 1 to 4 per cent inflation target.

More immediately, starting in his Mansion House speech tonight, he has to show how he intends to cut the £50 billion budget deficit. The skirmishing over the weekend between senior ministers about what spending and tax options are ruled out is merely a foretaste of this autumn's battles.

The outcome will be determined not by what is said now, or by the statement of good intentions on spending produced after this Thursday's cabinet meeting, but by what looks least politically unacceptable in five months' time. No one wants more tax increases. But when ministers have rejected cuts in spending which the whips believe are unsaleable, they may have to consider higher taxes.

To succeed as Chancellor Mr Clarke will have to show that he can read the economy and the financial markets as well as the mood at Westminster.

PETER RIDDELL

New peers must work for their seats

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major is to create a new batch of working peers who have given a personal commitment to take an active part in the work of the upper House.

The honours list, to be announced by the prime minister this summer, will reinforce the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat benches with around 20 life peers who are regarded as ministerial material. They will be picked in recognition of their impressive records in commerce, academia, the professions or public life.

Lord Wakeham, the Lords' leader, is insisting that his new recruits should be prepared to commit themselves to abiding by the "whip" by turning up loyally to vote in the government's lobby. He is known to be envious of the way Lord Cledwyn, Labour's former leader in the Lords, used occasional lists of working peers to pull together a stronger frontbench team than his own.

Although Lord Wakeham's predecessors had injections of life peers from the "working" list, many of the new recruits either did not turn up regularly, or developed the tendency of voting against the government when they did.

A recent example of worker-turned-rebel is Lord Pearson of Rannoch, the Scottish businessman, who is a leader of the EC-sceptic peers. Baroness Flather, the former mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, has rebelled against the government's asylum bill.

Lord Wakeham has told colleagues that he expects potential recruits to show a personal commitment to helping the government pilot its legislation through the Lords. If they prove themselves on the backbenches, they are likely to be offered ministerial posts.

City audience awaits tough words on public spending

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke stands up to speak tonight, a debutant on his first appearance at a great event in the social calendar. That alone should ensure that the new Chancellor will use the traditional Mansion House speech to range far beyond the normal confines of monetary policy.

His speech is likely to echo the general thrust of the last Mansion House speech, delivered at its normal time in November by his predecessor (but now moved to provide a key economic policy statement in the middle of the year after the creation of a unified Budget in the autumn).

In that performance, shortly after the collapse of the government's exchange-rate policy, Norman Lamont remained true to the Conservative anti-inflation mantra by setting a target range for inflation, but also signalled a return to a national policy with growth as the first priority.

Mr Clarke, in recent press comments, confirmed that his first aim is to sustain recovery. Speculation in the City since his appointment has revolved — displaying the short-termism attributed to the government by Mr Lamont — around whether the new Chancellor has room to risk another minor cut in base rates. This seems extremely unlikely, although a batch of economic statistics this week are expected to show a sluggish recovery, including a rise in unemployment, and subdued inflationary pressures.

It is exactly because of the departing shots of Mr Lamont, accusing the government of politically inspired interest rate cuts, that Mr Clarke will not be able to cut rates today. As economists at Lehman Brothers note about the former Chancellor, whose opposition to the last cut in interest rates was overruled by his prime minister: "His speech ... now makes it impossible for the government to cut interest rates in the near term. Poor old Norman had to be 'reshuffled' to get his way."

Another reason for Mr Clarke to exercise extreme caution on interest rates for now is last week's pre-emptive broadside by Eddie George, who takes over as governor of the Bank of England next month. He insisted that "reports of the death of inflation are greatly exaggerated ... there is no clear evidence that inflation will fall further over the next year."

The one big difference since last autumn is the state of public finances which Mr Clarke will be under some pressure to address. The City is looking for some hefty rhetoric on this subject, not least because Mr Clarke has an opportunity to express a view as the public spending negotiations get underway. The old timing of the Mansion House speech meant that the deals were all but done by the time the Chancellor delivered his thoughts.

The City is agnostic on whether the deficit is reduced through spending cuts or tax increases, although indirect taxes such as VAT would be unpopular because they add to inflation. The uncertainty revolves around whether the Chancellor will be content to stick with current tax and spending plans or whether the onset of recovery will persuade him to hint at a further fiscal squeeze in the autumn.

Michael Saunders, chief UK economist at Salomon Brothers, believes that the Chancellor may well use his honeymoon period in Westminster to signal an extra fiscal tightening which would please his sceptical audience in the City. What Andrew Britton, director of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research and one of the Treasury's independent forecasting panel, is looking for is budget restraint which will do the least damage to growth and employment.

Flats bill attacked

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

A KNOT of Tory backbenchers launched a ferocious assault last night on one of the government's prime pieces of legislation, allowing tenants to buy the freehold on blocks of flats. Conservatives angered by plans to force landlords to sell freeholds attacked the government's housing and urban development bill as "reprehensible", "abhorrent", "wretched" and "miserable".

The bill will enable some 750,000 tenants to purchase the freehold on properties, including some of most valuable estates in London.

Michael Jopling, MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale, said he had never been more ashamed of a piece of Conservative legislation. The bill amounted to confiscation of property and interference in freely agreed contracts.

Sir Jerry Wiggin (Weston-super-Mare) and Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, (Cirencester and Tewkesbury) accused the government of introducing poor and unfair legislation.

Sir George Young, the housing minister, appeased some Tory critics by accepting a Lords amendment allowing freehold purchase only by tenants who had occupied a flat for the previous year or for three years in the previous ten.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Trade union reform and employment rights bill, Lords amendments. Finance bill, ways and means resolution.
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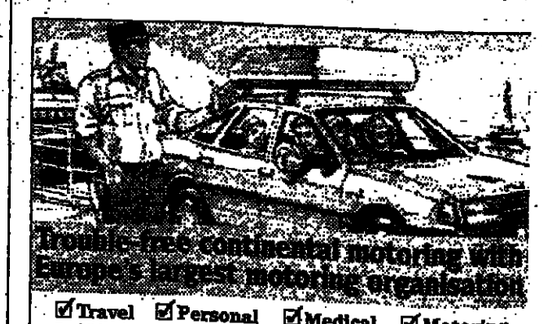
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German left picks helmsman for party that has lost its way

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ Despite his success Herr Scharping is not the formal candidate for chancellor. Months of infighting can be expected as the party hunts for a rival to Helmut Kohl

RUDOLF Scharping, a political scientist aged 45, was endorsed by the Social Democratic Party (SPD) executive yesterday as the party's future leader. Few, however, believe that the bearded, rather dour politician will be able to rebuild the crucial axis between party supporters who wear cashmere sweaters and those who wear cloth caps.

The collapse of this coalition between the former student protesters of 1968 and the industrial working class has plunged German social democracy into a state of seemingly permanent crisis. The executive's endorsement of Herr Scharping's nomination by an unprecedented rank-and-file election on Sunday was supposed to put a stop to the squabbling.

For the past month, since Björn Engholm was pressured into resigning, the struggle at the top of the SPD has resembled a bitter family quarrel as the ambitious political grandchildren of the late Willy Brandt tried to salvage some of the former chancellor's dignity and sureness of touch. The point has been underlined by Brandt's young widow, the historian Brigitte Seebacher-Brandt, who is determined to keep her grip on his diaries and letters lest revisionists try to reshape his biography and reinvent the party.

Herr Scharping is currently prime minister of Rhineland-Palatinate. Despite his success yesterday, he is still not the formal candidate for chancellor, and more months of infighting can be expected while the party tries to come up with an agreed rival to the Christian Democrat Helmut Kohl.

The malaise in Western Europe, and Germany in particular, has been blamed on weak leadership or the failings of the political class. Equally important, however, has been the collapse of a socialist alternative. The end of communist rule in East Europe should have created new opportunities on the left, especially in Italy, where the thoroughly reformed former Communist party, now the Democratic Party of the Left, could have been drawn into the orbit of government.

In Germany, the end of Erich Honecker's republic in the east should have meant a thumping success for social democracy. The 130-year-old SPD has deep historical roots in the cities and the ports of the east and could have presented itself as a natural ally of the eastern worker. Instead, the rival Christian Democrats almost swept the board.

Social democratic parties rarely fare well in a recession, since it is difficult to be the party of social and economic redistribution when there is little to redistribute. Also unemployment or, worse, the fear of unemployment, brings out conservative instincts.

These anxieties became clearly visible in eastern Germany during the recent steel and engineering strike. Workers questioned at the factory gates said they wanted justice from the west in the form of equal pay but not at the price of destroying their work place. That does not make east Germany a happy hunting ground for the party.

The cashmere-cloth cap coalition within the SPD has now to be renegotiated by Herr Scharping. The party's leaders used, like Willy Brandt, to be workers, or at least drawn from generations of worker families. But the successor generation was recruited mainly from the radical young socialist movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

In those days, they used to talk about the need to raise worker "consciousness". Now their radicalism has dulled and, as leaders of provincial government, they have tasted real power and enjoy real perks. Not for nothing is the upcoming generation known as the Tuscany faction: they holiday in Cortona, have car phones, and wear Armani ties with their cashmere sweaters.

German workers, too, have changed. The old verities, a job for life, a monolithic working class, are crumbling. Miners in the Ruhr still breed pigeons, but the SPD clubhouse is no longer the centre of their social life and, like Labour supporters in Britain, they are very sensitive to the possibility of having to pay higher taxes.

The workers are, moreover, suspicious about a swollen social welfare system which seems to be doing precious little for the many hundreds of thousands of employees on short-time shifts. While no party appears to the voters to be offering a reasonable set of welfare reforms, it is chiefly the SPD which is perceived as dodging its reponsibilities.



Scharping: listening to early results of the poll



Act of faith: Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, crossing himself on a visit to Athens' metropolitan cathedral yesterday. Dr Karadzic said the Greek government intended to invite Serbs and Croats to talks in the capital

Croats forced to flee avenging Muslims

BY TIM JUDAH BALKANS CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of Bosnian Croats were in flight yesterday as avenging Muslim troops burned and sacked Croat villages in central Bosnia. Veso Vegar, a Bosnian Croat army spokesman, said 10,000 Croats were flooding into the small town of Kakanj while another 5,000 were "roaming in the woods".

The reports of further "ethnic cleansing" and Muslim-Croat clashes in central Bosnia-Herzegovina, showed that a ceasefire agreed in Geneva on Sunday had been ignored. Diplomatic sources also said that talks between Croats and Muslims yesterday in Geneva had failed.

In London, the Bosnia-Herzegovina Information Centre, which acts on the behalf of the Sarajevo government, said that the repercussions of the fighting in central Bosnia were being felt among refugees in Croatia. Indijana Harper said that 680 Muslim refugees were being threatened with imminent eviction from settlements in Dalmatia and that they were to be sent to a tent city in eastern Croatia.

In eastern Bosnia, Serb forces continued their assault on the besieged Muslim enclave of Gorazde. On Sunday, 52 people were reported to have died in a rocket attack on a makeshift hospital in the enclave. Yesterday, a ham radio operator there made a dramatic appeal for help. "The destruction of civilians is continuing," Mustafa Kurtovic said. "Dozens of projectiles from multiple-rocket launchers are slamming the town."

More than 50,000 people are crammed into the enclave, which has been cut off, apart from partisan trails.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, called for a new international conference on former Yugoslavia. Speaking in Vienna, he said he was in favour of a new round of the London conference, which last August set up the UN-European Community peace negotiations chaired by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance. Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, gave a cautious welcome to the call.

All the leading actors in the Yugoslav drama are to gather in Geneva tomorrow in an effort by Lord Owen to get the stalled diplomatic process moving.

In Belgrade, Vuk Draskovic, the imprisoned opposition leader, was moved to a hospital for diagnosis and treatment of injuries received at the hands of police.

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IMF aid ready for Russia

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE International Monetary Fund, stung by criticism by Lloyd Bentsen, the US Treasury secretary, over the delay of aid payment to Russia, is ready to pay the first $1.5 billion (£1 billion) tranche of an internationally co-ordinated aid package ahead of the Group of Seven summit in Tokyo early next month.

The IMF strongly denies American allegations last week that it is holding up the delivery because of Moscow's alleged failure to come up with a convincing economic stabilisation and reform package. In total Russia is eligible for $13 billion in IMF credits, while the value of the assistance programme is generally put at $43 billion, which includes food and export credits and a $6-billion stabilisation package.

IMF officials maintain that the negotiations with the Russian government have been proceeding according to plan, although it is believed there has been some frustration over Russian compliance with IMF-imposed conditions.

Report condemns 'chaos' of EC's London offices

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE European Commission has begun an urgent search for a new director of its London office after a devastating report which accused the office of lack of discipline, not treating its staff properly, failing to give out proper information, and allowing too much alcohol inside the building.

The report, presented last November by staff trained in quality control by outside consultants, submitted a list of 18 problems hampering the work of the office, the official representation of the European Commission in Britain. These included: an overload of unnecessary paperwork; failure to answer the telephone; lack of training and opportunities for the staff and lack of communication between management and staff.

The report spoke of an "extreme hierarchical culture in the Commission", decisions made and meetings held for appearances' sake, the lack of faith in decisions made by the management group, the inexperience of this group and an unwillingness to change.

It said the London office did not liaise properly with the smaller EC offices in Belfast and Cardiff and Edinburgh; did not circulate the agenda for meetings in time; did not motivate its staff or allow them to put their ideas to the top management.

In a list of suggestions for how meetings should be run, the report painted a damaging picture of a chaotic organisation. It recommended that all meetings should be open and honest and start promptly, there should be no rambling, alcohol should be banned and everyone speaking should be listened to.

The "quality control" group, in its confidential memorandum, admitted that several of the long list of problems could not be controlled or were not worth solving. It identified poor management, a hierarchical structure and unsatisfactory communications as the main causes, but also spoke of a lack of trust, staff indifference and fear.

Officials in Brussels were reluctant to voice public criticism, but their private opinions were forthright. "We bypass the London office. There is no comparison with the offices in Bonn and Paris — we can really work through them. They submit proper week by week reports to us on what's going on, and they sell our messages properly."

John Drew, the then director and a former first secretary in the British diplomatic service, left the £84,000 post on May 14. He said yesterday: "I've always been interested in the concept of quality control in organisations and therefore on my own initiative I established a quality programme. This report was an internal document, discussed with all members of staff, and a number of useful recommendations were made. Doubtless futher suggestions will come from staff."

Complaints about the Commission office are widespread, and most focus on the difficulty of getting information about the EC. No figure was available in London for the cost of running the office each year, but it is understood to be substantial, running into millions of pounds.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Italy mulls electoral reform bill

Rome: The Italian parliament yesterday began examining an electoral reform bill to introduce a British-style voting system to replace the proportional representation (John Phillips writes).

Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, has made electoral reform his main priority. In a sign of the importance of the debate, he attended the presentation of the bill on the government front benchlast night, although the prime minister is not an elected MP.

Le Pen loses

Strasbourg: A French court dismissed a libel suit by Jean-Marie Le Pen, the extreme-right National Front leader, against a critic who branded him "the spiritual son of Hitler", and ordered the politician to pay costs. *(Reuter)*

Bankers tried

Ulan Bator: Two former governors of Mongolia's central bank and three other bankers went on trial on charges that they virtually wiped out the country's foreign-exchange reserves by losing £53 million in bad deals. *(Reuter)*

Li Peng back

Peking: The Chinese prime minister, Li Peng, emerged from a seven-week mystery absence yesterday, ending mounting speculation about his ill health.

Congo turmoil

Brazzaville: The Congolese capital was paralysed after a night of gunfire. Opposition supporters manned roadblocks in protest at the May 2 election which they claimed was rigged. *(AFP)*

Climber killed

Jakarta: Anak Krakatoa, a small volcanic island in Indonesia, suddenly spewed out hot lava, killing an American tourist and injuring her five companions, including three Britons. *(AP)*

Burnt spice

Jakarta: Indonesia, which produces 70 per cent of the world's supply of nutmeg, is burning hundreds of tonnes of the spice in an attempt to boost its depressed price. *(Reuter)*

Christopher backs human rights plan

FROM MATTHEW D'ANCONA IN VIENNA

WARREN Christopher, the US Secretary of State, yesterday gave a much needed boost to the troubled United Nations human rights conference in Vienna by pledging strong American support for a range of humanitarian proposals.

Mr Christopher promised American backing for the establishment of a UN high commissioner on human rights. White House support for this proposal is regarded as an essential step as delegates from 180 governments edge awkwardly towards a consensus declaration on human rights in the 21st century.

"We must sharpen the tools of human rights diplomacy to address problems before they escalate into violence and create new pariah states," Mr Christopher said.

Invoking the names of Tom Paine, Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, the secretary of state also said the United States would move to ratify a series of UN conventions including, most strikingly, the 1966 covenant on economic, social and cultural rights, which has always been regarded as alien to American market values.

His speech, on the opening day of the conference, brought welcome attention to an assembly already threatened by serious divisions over procedural points and the principle of universal human rights. Mr Christopher said America would strongly oppose any states who sought to undermine the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"To those who say democracy is a Western contrivance, I say, you forgot to tell the people of Cambodia. Ninety per cent of them summoned the courage, in the face of real threats, to reclaim their country by voting in last month's UN-monitored elections. In what was once a killing field, democracy is taking root."

Earlier in the day, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, sought to defend the embattled principle of universality and the past record of the UN in its enforcement. The Geneva-based UN centre for human rights, he said, had "undergone profound changes in recent years" while European organisations such as the Council of Europe had "shown the way" in their defence of humanitarianism. Pressed on proposals for a UN high commissioner on human rights, the secretary-general promised support only "if everyone agrees".

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Pope laments plight of the unemployed

FROM REUTER IN HUELVA

THE Pope yesterday attacked profit-oriented economic theories which have led to mass unemployment and the loss of moral values reflected in "the abominable crime of abortion". Visiting the southern Spanish region that was the point of departure for Christopher Columbus 500 years ago to the Americas, he called for a second evangelisation to restore Christian values.

"We must have a new creative effort to evangelise the world," he told 10,000 people at a Mass. "The challenge is a decisive one that cannot be delayed." Echoing a theme he raised in Seville on Sunday, the Pope said excessive emphasis on profit in economies today was leading to what he called "the tragedy of unemployment". He also said that the loss of moral values was hurting family life, weighed under by separation and divorce, and in turn having a negative effect on young people.

"The absence of moral values that only God can inspire, is also at the root of economic systems that ignore personal dignity, placing profit as their priority and their only motivation," he said.

French sing praises of lone-wolf rocker

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

GENERAL De Gaulle is long dead and Brigitte Bardot has retreated to the land of mistreated animals, so it is not surprising that France is succumbing to an orgy of nostalgia today to mark the 50th birthday of that surviving icon of the postwar era: Jean-Philippe Smet.

M Smet is better known by his stage name Johnny Hallyday, the greatest rock star of all time — at least in France — and a figure who towers over the pop business as the romantic hero of two generations. A deluge of tributes, a collection of 42 CDs costing £600, and *La Nuit Johnny* on television have kicked off the celebrations of Hallyday's half-century. The climax will come on Friday night when, muscles rippling and ear-rings flashing, the blue-eyed rocker rides his beloved Harley-Davidson on to the stage at the Parc des Princes football stadium in the first of three shows for 50,000 fans a night.

Foreigners may scoff, as the local intelligentsia used to, over the naive blond boy in the drainpipes and gold lamé jacket who, 33 years ago, aped Elvis Presley and went on to Gallicise a stream of rock classics. But the thinking classes long ago joined the working masses who revere Hallyday more as a phenomenon than singer. "Who are you, M Hallyday? A reincarnation of James Dean? A Great Gatsby? A tragic hero? ... You are all of these and more," gushed the leftish *L'Evénement du Jeudi* news magazine this week.

There has been little to add since revered philosphers defined Hallyday in the late 1960s as "a new Orpheus", a "French Mayakovsky" and ultimate existentialist. Since he was an "authentic" working-class hero, the intelligentsia forgave Johnny his right-wing views, as voiced in his 1966 hit "Cheveux Longs, Idées Courtes" (Long Hair, Short Ideas).



Hallyday: working-class hero of the intelligentsia

It would be hard to imagine France without Johnny. His stream of divorces, first from Sylvia Vartan, the singer, and most recently his marriage to Adeline Blondiau, 19, as well as his long partnership with Nathalie Baye, the actress, has kept *Paris Match* in business.

JoJo, as his fans know him, may speak little English, but he is France's very own all-American rebel hero, a man who has managed to create his own mythology, calling himself "un rocker, condamné a vivre en loup solitaire" (condemned to live like a lone wolf). He has aged well, thanks to a regime of weight-lifting and healthy living at his home in St Tropez. If anything, he has grown to fit his legend as a sun-tanned warrior of the wide open spaces, an urban tough guy who happens to speak the language of Descartes.

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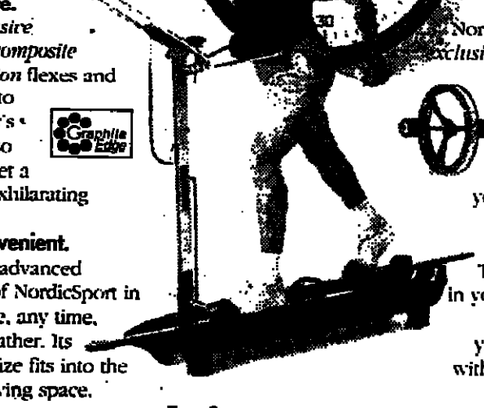
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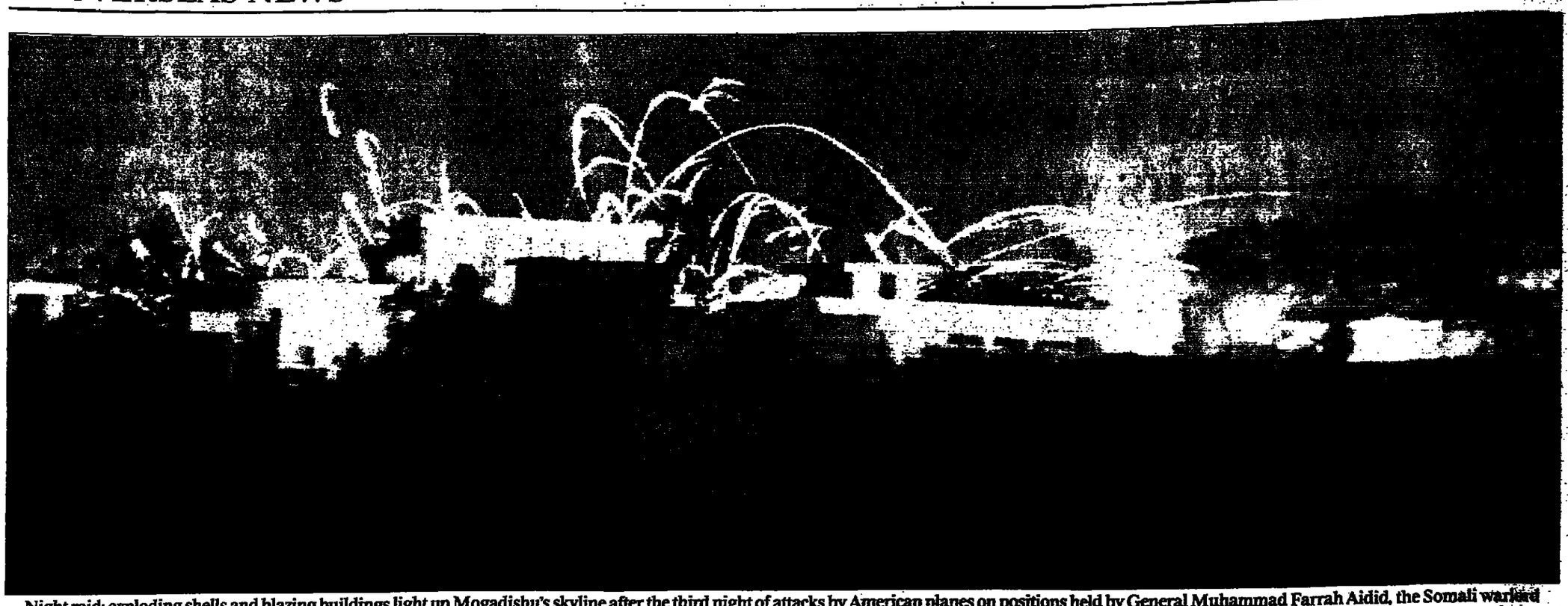
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Night raid: exploding shells and blazing buildings light up Mogadishu's skyline after the third night of attacks by American planes on positions held by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the Somali warlord

Aidid offers talks as UN rocket injures civilians

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

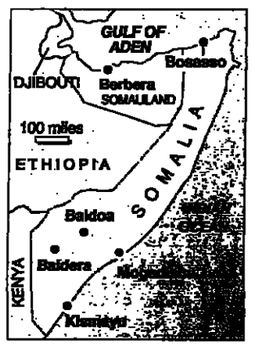
■ UN forces are destroying General Aidid's ability to wage war in Somalia but at the cost of increasing his popularity and ruining their own

AFTER three days of night bombardment by the US air force, General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the Mogadishu warlord, yesterday offered to negotiate with the United Nations and appealed to it to end the aggression against him.

He was addressing a press conference as a stray anti-tank rocket fired by a UN Cobra helicopter hit a busy street, injuring 12 civilians. The wounded included two women and a man who was not expected to live.

Admiral Jonathan Howe, head of the UN Operation in Somalia (Unosom), strongly denied that the helicopter, which also destroyed an ancient BM21 rocket-launcher, had fired more than a single round and that there were any civilian casualties.

With the UN in Mogadishu already more unpopular than any warlord, as a result of Sunday's attack on civilian demonstrators by UN Pakistani troops in which at least 20 people were killed, the admiral's denial of further civilian casualties amazed people who watched the rocket attack. There is no doubt that the first rocket fired by the UN helicopter missed the BM21 and hit the ground near an open-air tea shop, failing to detonate. The helicopter then fired a second round, which



exploded when it struck the rocket-launcher.

The tea shop hit by the US rocket was left as a jumble of stools, a broken gourd, a steaming Thermos flask and a puddle of blood. One of the wounded women was hit in the throat by a shower of sand and splinters. The other was rushed to hospital with an eye dangling from its socket.

With yet more UN Cobras hovering overhead, General Aidid said at his press conference at his residence in the Somali capital that the UN was becoming "an instrument of oppression rather than of relief in Somalia", adding: "We would like to reaffirm our willingness to co-operate with the UN and call on the US and UN to immediately reconsider the use of violence."

Once the most powerful warlord in southern Somalia, he seized on the widespread condemnation of the killing of the civilians on Sunday to portray the world body as a heartless aggressor acting on orders from Washington. "The aggression has been deliberately planned and executed by the US and Unosom," he said.

The general spoke from a wide desk covered with a kitsch tablecloth. To his right the platform was decorated with a vase of colourful feather-dusters, while to his left stood a bowl of plastic fruit. Wild-haired teenagers armed with AK47s stared aggressively at the UN helicopters. Others, holding pistols, stared down at the journalists seated at the general's feet on a yellow and brown carpet.

As the warlord's military power has swiftly waned under the American-led aerial onslaught, his political prestige has risen. Abdullah Shaikh Ahmed, speaking near where the unexploded UN rocket fell, said: "Before, we did not respect the leaders. They were just leaders of looters and bandits. We welcomed the US troops, but now we are behind the [Somali] leaders and want the foreigners to leave."

Earlier yesterday morning, compounds containing lorries and heavy construction equipment, as well as old armoured cars and battle wagons, adjacent to the general's villa were reduced to blackened twisted metal. Lieutenant-Colonel Kevin McGovern, the UN military spokesman, said no civilians had been killed in the 90-minute raid by a Hercules aircraft, which fired round after round from its howitzer and gatling guns into the compounds. But the charred body of a young boy caught in a shell flash lay just outside the gates of the general's house.

Anxious to offset any sympathy for the warlord and his followers, Lt Col McGovern said that his United Somali Congress/Somali National (USC/SN) alliance constantly used women and children as human shields to get close to UN positions and then tried to overrun them.

"This leadership has no respect for the lives or women and children," he said, but he declined to say whether the attacks on General Aidid's compounds were intended to break the Somali general's military backbone. Lt Col McGovern admitted, however, that this was an inevitable consequence of the destruction of the USC/SN's ability to wage war.

Since Sunday's killings Mogadishu has been extremely tense. A crowd of about 1,000 gathered about 600 yards from the Pakistani positions yesterday morning but decided against marching past the soldiers.

"That was just as well," said Major Javeed Oshad, commander of the Pakistani detachment. "If people march on us and hide gunmen in the body of the crowd then we will open fire again. Yesterday we came under fire and responded. We would do the same again."

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Boutros Ghali: attending conference in Vienna

UN chief 'regrets' Somali killings

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE killing of at least 20 apparently unarmed demonstrators in the Somali capital on Sunday drew condemnation yesterday from Italy, the former colonial power, and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, expressed his sorrow.

"Certainly I regret this certain accident," Dr Boutros Ghali said in Vienna, where he is attending a UN conference on human rights.

Although reporters on the scene heard no shots before UN troops opened fire, the international organisation said the Pakistani peacekeepers were responding to hostile fire and Somalis might have shot into the crowd in Mogadishu to provoke unrest.

The killings in Mogadishu are just the latest in a series of setbacks delivered to UN peacekeepers by the Bosnian Serbs, the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, Angola's Unita rebels, and government agents in Iraq, as the organisation struggles to uphold what some have termed the "pax United Nations". Although the number of UN peacekeepers around the world has grown from 10,000 five years ago to 70,000 today, the operations are still run on a shoe-string.

At American insistence, a new peacekeeping "situation room" has been set up in a building across the street from UN headquarters. But it is still rudimentary, and has been described as "six Fijian generals watching CNN".

Barbecue Bill woos press with hot-dog diplomacy

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AFTER five months of open warfare with the White House press corps, President Clinton is suing for peace.

On Sunday night he finally put aside his icy hostility towards the Fourth Estate and tried hot-dog diplomacy instead. At short notice he and Hillary invited 300 journalists and their spouses to a South Lawn barbecue and personally greeted every guest. Casually dressed, the president spent a balmy summer evening "schmoozing" in a huge marquee with those he had recently accused of making him a "punching bag".

On the grass outside, with the Lincoln Monument and Jefferson Memorial as floodlit backdrops, the press and White House staffers battled at nothing more serious than volleyball and badminton.

Reconciliation was the order of the day. Mrs Clinton, before introducing "old whatshisname", said how much she looked forward to getting to know the press corps better. Mr Clinton joked about telling aides that if there was to be a barbecue for journalists "I was not to be put on the spit". To the tune of Jimmy Buffett's "Margaritaville" the White House press officers all sang: "Don't know the reason/ Relations were freezin'/I hope you'll like us/I know we like you." In its confrontation with the press corps, remarked one smug journalist, the White House had "just blinked in a big way".

Shepherding the president around was David Gergen, Mr Clinton's new counsellor, unofficial envoy to the media and mastermind of the new charm offensive. Himself a former journalist, he has finally persuaded the president that communicating with the nation through a filter of unhappy and alienated reporters makes no sense.

President Kennedy realised that. He befriended media journalists and worked the press better than any of his successors. Being young, energetic and charming, Mr Clinton is also the sort of president that the White House press corps is supposed to admire, but they transparently do not.

Not since Richard Nixon has a president inspired such antagonism, or had so few friends in the media to tell his side of a story. The only prominent journalist among the Clintons' huge network of old friends is Strobe Talbott, but he has been made roving ambassador to the former Soviet republics.

The press corps, which never underestimates its importance, has been smouldering with resentment at its lack of access and loss of status since Mr Clinton became president. They were bypassed, misled and treated with arrogant disdain by George Stephanopoulos, the spokesman who became the first victim of Mr Gergen's recent appointment. These are people who President Bush used to invite to films in the White House, Kennebunkport picnics or rides in his speedboat.

Courting the press did not save Mr Bush but it undoubtedly helps. White House journalists consider themselves as much a part of the Washington elite as congressmen and senators. Their egos require similiar massaging, and they are just as susceptible to presidential flattery.

On Sunday night even the hardest-nosed were lining up to be photographed with the president or get his autograph. The next time Mr Clinton chooses an inappropriate time for a haircut, they may — despite their protestations to the contrary — be a shade more charitable.

Leading Muslims call for withdrawal of Pakistanis

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

ISLAMIC leaders have called for the immediate withdrawal of Pakistani soldiers from Somalia after UN peacekeepers on Sunday killed 20 demonstrators in Mogadishu, reportedly to avenge the massacre of 23 of their comrades by Somali gunmen last week.

"It is deplorable that Pakistani soldiers are pitted against the Muslims in Somalia," said Ghafoor Ahmed, the deputy chief of Jamaat-i-Islami, an influential fundamentalist party. Thousands of angry supporters of the group chanted anti-American slogans in a countrywide protest march against the presence of UN peacekeeping forces in Somalia and the killing of the Pakistani soldiers. "The UN forces are serving the US imperialist design against Islamic countries," said Qazi Hussein Ahmet, a prominent Islamic leader.

More than 4,700 Pakistani troops are serving with the UN peacekeeping force in war-torn Somalia. The first batch of 500 Pakistani soldiers arrived in Somalia last September. Their number increased after the US troops were withdrawn. The killing of the UN soldiers sent a shockwave across the country. Pakistani officials called for punitive action against General Muhammed Farrah Aidid, the Mogadishu warlord, and also demanded that the peacekeepers be provided with tanks and helicopter gunships to defend themselves against the terrorists' action.

But Islamic leaders believe the main objective of the UN and American forces is to encircle Sudan which has become the centre of Islamic revolution. "Pakistan should not allow itself to become a part of that conspiracy," declared Mr Ahmed.

Jewish woman judge picked to conclude Clinton ordeal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday ended an 88-day wait by naming Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 60, a federal judge from Washington, as his surprise choice to replace Byron White on the Supreme Court.

If confirmed, Judge Ginsburg will join Sandra Day O'Connor as the only women to serve on America's highest court and the first Jew since Abe Fortas retired in 1969. She is considered a moderate and a consensus-builder, though broadly pro-choice and a past champion of women's rights.

She is the first nominee of a Democratic president since 1967 and should draw a right-leaning court towards the centre on social issues. After 12 years of Republican administrations, Mr White was the last Democratic appointee left on the nine-member court.

Senior senators of both parties, including members of the judiciary committee, welcomed Ms Ginsburg's nomination, saying she appeared well-qualified and predicting that she would be confirmed with little trouble.

The announcement ended a tortuous selection process, the longest in more than 25 years, during which Mr Clinton veered from one possible candidate to another and reinforced his reputation for indecision and weakness in the face of political resistance. His first choice, Mario Cuomo, the New York governor, told Mr Clinton he did not want the job. His second, Bruce Babbitt, the interior secretary, lost favour last week when environmentalists and western Democrats demanded he be kept where he was. His third, Judge Stephen Breyer, of Massachusetts, appeared to have secured the nomination until Saturday's disclosure that he had a servant problem similar to those which had prevented Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood from becoming attorney-general.

Ms Ginsburg studied law at Harvard, fought a number of cases before the Supreme Court for the American Civil Liberties Union in the 1970s that helped outlaw sex discrimination, and then taught law at Rutgers and Columbia Universities before President Carter appointed her to the federal bench in 1980.

COMUNICACION DEL GOBIERNO ARGENTINO RELATIVA AL VOTO DE LOS CIUDADANOS ARGENTINOS EN EL EXTERIOR

El Gobierno de la Nación Argentina ha tomado la decisión de incorporar al proceso democrático a los argentinos residentes en el exterior a fin de que expresen su voluntad mediante la participación en los comicios nacionales a llevarse a cabo de ahora en adelante.

Por tal motivo:

1.- Se convoca a los ciudadanos argentinos que hayan constituido domicilio en el Reino Unido de Gran Bretaña e Irlanda del Norte para que se inscriban en el registro de electores residentes en el exterior.

2.- Quienes se inscriban en dicho registro antes del día 30 de junio de 1993, podrán participar en las elecciones nacionales argentinas a celebrarse el día 3 de octubre de 1993 y podrán votar a los candidatos a diputados nacionales correspondientes al distrito electoral señalado como último domicilio en la República Argentina en el Documento Nacional de Identidad (D.N.I.), Libreta de Enrolamiento (L.E.) o Libreta Cívica (L.C.) del interesado/a.

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4.- Esta inscripción es voluntaria y no obligatoria, así como el derecho de voto.

5.- Los interesados deberán concurrir a la sede del Consulado General de la República Argentina en Londres, dentro del horario de 9 a 17 horas de lunes a viernes, a fin de obtener más información y proceder, si así lo desean, a su inclusión dentro del registro de residentes argentinos en el exterior.

6.- Hasta el 30 de junio de 1993 este trámite podrá también realizarse los sábados de 9 a 17 horas.

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Tussle set over dual anthems

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

A PROPOSAL that South Africa should have two national anthems, one for whites and one for blacks, is certain to provoke new controversy as the constitutional talks enter a week in which negotiators hope to set a date for the first multiracial election.

A proposal that white South Africa should keep *Die Stem van Suid Afrika* (The Call of South Africa) while blacks adopt *Nkosi Sikelele Afrika* (God Bless Africa), the hymn of the liberation movement, has been put to the talks by the government.

Tomorrow, millions of blacks plan to stay away from work to mark the seventeenth anniversary of the Soweto uprising against the teaching of Afrikaans in black schools.

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Victorious Campbell must ditch sound for substance

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN OTTAWA

KIM Campbell, the extrovert Vancouver lawyer who will soon become Canada's first woman prime minister, once savaged a political rival with the remark: "Charisma without substance is a dangerous thing."

Having won the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party by a narrow margin, after a campaign that was full of soundbites and controversy but almost totally lacking in serious political discussion, Ms Campbell's first task will be to prove that she is not a dangerous thing.

On Sunday night, after two ballots and a fierce challenge from Jean Charest, 34, the environment minister, the Tories elected Ms Campbell to replace Brian Mulroney, the outgoing prime minister, as party leader by 53 per cent to Mr Charest's 47 per cent.



Campbell: antithesis of type Canadians admire

This was hardly the "coronation" of Ms Campbell expected when Mr Mulroney announced in February his decision to step down. Most newspapers had backed Mr Charest. "New PM needs new vision", said the *Toronto Star*. *The Globe and Mail* called her a "politically risky" choice.

Ms Campbell has a very short time to show her substance. Her first test will be the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations in Tokyo. National elections are expected to take place in the autumn.

Canadian politics has never seen the like of Ms Campbell before. Acerbic, brittle and with a gliniting ambition, she is in many ways the antithesis of what is commonly held to be the solid and worthy national character. Avowedly intellectual, with a quick mind and quicker tongue, Ms Campbell can appear alternately brash and bewitching, arrogant and entertaining. She can be extremely funny, and she can be acutely insulting.

Malawi voters queue to end one-party rule

FROM JAN RAATH IN BLANTYRE

MALAWIANS swarmed to the polls yesterday to vote over the country's one-party constitution. The unexpected vigour of their response promises a landslide rejection of nearly 30 years of dictatorship.

Although the first results are not expected until early today, international observers and opposition groups were predicting an overwhelming victory for the pro-democracy movement. "The historic will of the people has been shown in the way they have turned up," said Chakufwa Chihana, the leader of the Alliance for Democracy, in Lilongwe, adding that President Banda must "choose an honourable exit".

Outside the gates of the Blantyre tax office, the city's most central polling station, the five-deep queue early yesterday was more than half a mile long. "I want change," Preston Lemon, 25, a vegetable marketeer, said. Other voters drew roars of approval when they emerged giving the two-fingered multiparty salute.

Such open expressions of opinion are breathtaking in a country that was described by Africa Watch, the human rights organisation, as being so tightly controlled that opposition was "not only impossible but unthinkable". The catalyst for the erosion of the regime's control was a pastoral letter from the Roman Catholic bishops of Malawi on March 8 last year. This broke nearly three decades of silence by criticising the "climate of mistrust and fear" and calling for political reform.

A month later Mr Chihana, 52, started campaigning for change. Since then a second opposition group, the United Democratic Front, has been formed, and the two movements have joined with the Malawi Council of Churches, the Law Association of Malawi, and business groups to put pressure on the government.

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Turkey pins hopes on woman leader for change of tack

BY ANDREW FINKEL
ISTANBUL CORRESPONDENT

■ **Tansu Ciller's economic skills are proven. Foreign policy issues and, closer to home, ethnic Kurds will tax her further**

TANSU Ciller set about preparing what are expected to be wide-ranging changes in the senior ranks of the Turkish government the day after her True Path party appointed her Turkey's first woman prime minister. Mrs Ciller will now have to live up to the high expectations generated by the press, which promoted her as the "wind of change" that would sweep away the country's grey political establishment.

Mrs Ciller, 47, received her mandate to form a new cabinet from President Demirel. She later spoke of a "warm exchange" with the man who took her from her job as a professor of economics just three years ago. However, it is believed that he may have supported another candidate. Mr Demirel gave up the post of prime minister last month when he was elected president after the death of Turgut Ozal.

In the run-up to the general election in autumn 1991, Mrs Ciller's picture was used by True Path to project an image of a young, modern party that valued women. As minister with responsibility for the economy, she made some enemies, notably the chairman of the Central Bank and the principal under-secretary at the treasury. Her opponents said this was because of her policies. Her supporters said it was due to her frustration at being an outsider in Ankara's male-dominated political club.

On the eve of her endorsement at a special congress on Sunday, even the commentators who supported her candidacy believed that she lacked the experience to play the rough patronage game necessary to win over a majority of the 1,200 MPs and provincial delegates.

Her appointment also seems to have taken by surprise the junior coalition partner, the Social Democratic People's Party.

Those least surprised at her success are former university colleagues who were taken aback by her tendency to "play hard ball" in the more genteel surroundings of academic life. "She has found her niche," said one former colleague in apparent relief that he would no longer have to face her at faculty board meetings.

Unlike other woman politicians who have come to prominence through a political dynasty, Mrs Ciller has succeeded through her own efforts. A school friend at Istanbul's American College for Girls described her as intelligent and motivated. Mrs Ciller married her high-school sweetheart, Ozer Ucuran. At the insistence of her father, a provincial governor who had no son, the couple decided to adopt her surname so that it would live on.

The couple have two boys, one aged in his early twenties, the other in his early teens. Mrs Ciller was, however, spared most of the hardships of many Turkish working women. Newspapers value the family's wealth — mostly in property — at well over £30 million. Mr Ciller holds the franchise in Turkey for a chain of shops. They live in a fashionable neighbourhood of Istanbul, on a seafront house that overlooks the Bosporus. It was here that Mrs Ciller entertained Baroness Thatcher when she was on a recent visit to the city.

Although the Turkish press, too, now refers to Mrs Ciller as an "iron lady" it is far from clear whether she shares Lady Thatcher's enthusiasm for monetarism. At a meeting of the World Bank in Washington, Mrs Ciller issued what was in effect a rebuke to Rusdu Saracoglu, Turkey's principal central banker, for a high interest rate policy to protect the lira.

The rate of inflation in Turkey remains stable, albeit at the very high level of 60 per cent. There is some fear that if — as is almost certain — Mr Saracoglu leaves his post, it would be accompanied by a run on the lira and an increase in the money supply, which could fuel hyper-inflation.

At present, however, Mrs Ciller retains the support of the financial community. As a minister she promoted policies to encourage investment and regulate the stock exchange. She will now have to negotiate with the European Community, with which Turkey is scheduled by treaty to enter into full customs union by the end of 1996.

Mrs Ciller skills will be tested by issues other than the economy. She has yet to make any substantial comments on the position of Turkey's ethnic Kurds, and she is largely untried in the field of foreign policy. Her victory will surprise Turkey's allies as much as her political rivals.

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25 die in attacks

Diyarbakir: A Kurdish rocket attack killed four children and their parents in Yaylacik, southeastern Turkey, officials said. The family were among 25 people killed in rebel-related violence in the south and east over the weekend. The dead included seven soldiers and 12 Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) rebels. The PKK stepped up its attacks after Abdullah Ocalan, its leader, said last week that it was resuming an all-out war with Turkey. *(Reuter)*



Challenging choice: Tansu Ciller receives the cheers of supporters after defeating two male rivals for the leadership of the centre-right True Path party in Ankara. In becoming the first woman prime minister of the Muslim country, she has raised expectations of a new-broom administration

British diplomat leaves challenge of Tehran

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEHRAN

BRITAIN'S most arduous diplomatic post, the much attacked three-storey embassy in the centre of Tehran, is to change hands next month when David Reddaway, the chargé d'affaires who reopened it in 1990, leaves for Buenos Aires.

The change was announced last night at the Queen's birthday reception here, a bizarre annual event kept dry in deference to the Islamic officials present.

Long before the Salman Rushdie affair, which has resulted in six bombs being thrown over the embassy wall and many hostile demonstrations, the building and the magnificent 17-acre British compound, bore much of the brunt of Iran's anger against the West. Two years after the 1979 Islamic revolution, the street outside was officially renamed after Bobby Sands, the dead IRA hunger-striker, but Britain has refused to recognise the change.

Mr Reddaway once asked an Iranian official how he would like the street flanking the London mission renamed after the deposed Shah. When John Major met Mr Rushdie recently, the staff were put on maximum alert in case of retaliation, but there has been none. Instead, a Tehran magazine has offered a $16,000 (£10,000) prize for the most grotesque caricature of the author of *The Satanic Verses*.

Two of the bomb blasts blew out windows in the home of Mr Reddaway's unflappable personal assistant, Marilynn McLaren, who became an MBE in the weekend birthday honours. Mr Reddaway, 40, became a CMG. Fluent in Farsi, he first served in Tehran from 1977 to 1980 in the turbulent period of the revolution and the seizure of 52 hostages who were held for 444 days at the American embassy. Diplomatic ties were effectively cut in 1980.

In 1988 Sir Geoffrey Howe, then foreign secretary, sent Mr Reddaway to assess whether the Tehran embassy could be manned and to visit Roger Cooper, the British businessman imprisoned in Iran.

Patten urged to catch colony's killer sharks

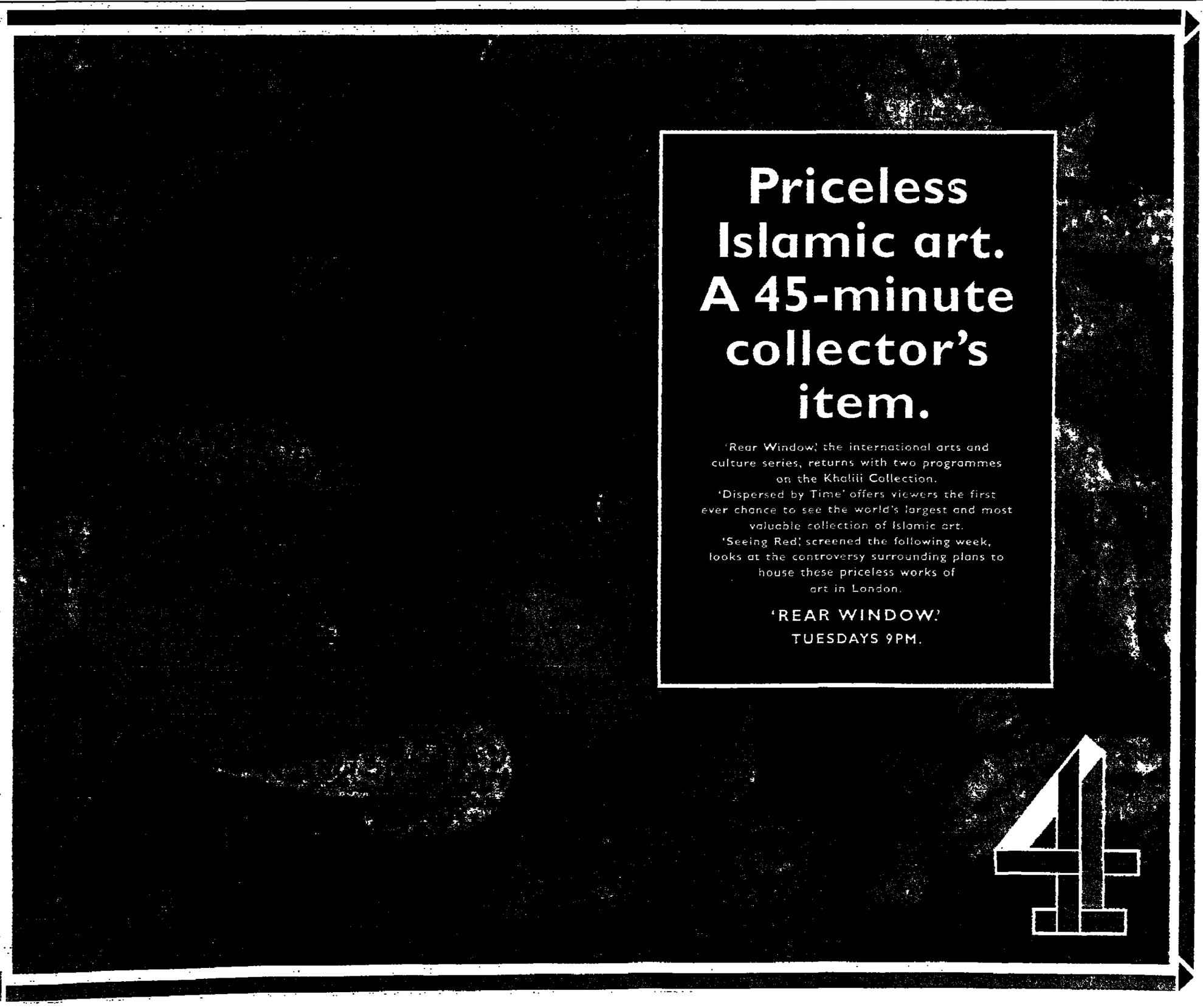
FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

STORIES about man-eating sharks sell newspapers from Australia to Hong Kong, and the creature or creatures that have devoured two people here in two weeks, and another two years ago, are dominating the colony's front pages.

"We stalk the killer", *The Standard*, the livelier of Hong Kong's two English-language daily newspapers declared yesterday. *The Standard* is sponsoring the visit here of Vic Hislop, a tiny Australian who is one of the world's most famous shark-hunters. Mr Hislop is a Crocodile Dundee-like character who wears a shark-tooth pendant, shorts and thongs. He has been busy for two days in his boat, flinging ducks and large fish into Silverstrand bay where Kwong Konghing, a furniture dealer, had his leg and hand bitten off in waist-deep water last Friday by a shark said to be more than 18ft long.

While Mr Hislop is trawling for sharks, Tim Metcalf, *The Standard's* Sunday humorist, could not resist a swing at Chris Patten, the governor, much of whose time is taken up fending off attacks from Peking.

"Forget Li Peng, Chris," said Mr Metcalf's headline. "Wrestle the real terror." Mr Patten must board his yacht, *The Lady Maureen*, the columnist advised, and "catch this murderous beast himself ... The bottom line is that this is war and we need a Churchill, not a Chamberlain. We want a winner, not a wimp."



Grim reapers, bitter harvests

Failure, frustration and fear are the everyday story of our farming folk

As Dwight Eisenhower once said, farming looks mighty easy when your plough is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the cornfield. Gillian Shephard would do well to remember that when she sits down shortly with the National Farmers' Union to discuss the fact that the job of tending England's green and pleasant land appears to have become intolerably stressful.

Twenty farmers a day are getting out and, according to the grimmest estimates, a further four a day decide they are inextricably stuck in the slough of despond and kill themselves. This has been going on for several years — indeed, they were leaving at a rate of 30 a day while buyers could still be found for their land — and Britain is now down to a core of 281,000 farmers, carrying a collective debt of £7 billion. In the rest of the EC, where common agricultural policy reforms and the 260 pieces of legislation affecting farmers that have been swiftly imposed here are being much more slowly and carefully applied (if at all), there are still ten million farmers.



MARGOT NORMAN

The bureaucratic pencil, wielded with such zeal by Mrs Shephard's own officials and the swarms of busy young environmental health officers whose profession is the only real rural growth area, is probably the biggest single cause of their distress.

Ask the agriculture ministry if it has any bright ideas for improving the situation, and you will be referred to the health department, whose solution is ... a survey of rural stress. A survey, God help us! Another pile of forms to fill in, right after the excruciatingly complex and time-consuming IACS (Integrated Administration and Control System) which made strong men sit and weep among the cauliflowers as they wondered how the hell they were going to get every field, every hedge, every pylon and pipeline mapped, measured and categorised in three weeks flat at the busiest time of year.

No, Mrs Shephard, I don't think that survey is going to stay the suicidal hand of the small hill farmer with three children who swallowed enough pride to enquire about Family Credit only to find that benefits officers cannot understand farm accounts and therefore ruled him ineligible.

Just consider for a moment why a farmer might be miserable. Yes, yes, I know that farmers are never satisfied, that they've had subsidies and cheap fuel for years, that their image remains as George Crabbe described it 200 years ago: "Our farmers round, well pleased with constant gain, / Like other farmers, flourish and complain."

And yes, I know they are responsible for 20 per cent of our water pollution, and God alone knows the full truth of the effects on us all of the pesticides and hormones they have been using. Many people see mad cow disease as a judgment on the farmers. Well now, wouldn't you be miserable if that was what the world thought of you? And wouldn't you be bitter as well as miserable to be thought so ill of when in any other industry you would be fêted for your phenomenal productivity record? Even if you weren't broke, might not your self-esteem be just a little shaky?

You are broke, however, and you cannot imagine how things are going to get any better. The old-fashioned bank manager who lent you all that money has been replaced by a hard-faced young man whose job it is to get it back.

Interest rates have come down, but the damage was done when they were high. You've been ordered to install a slurry stall that will cost £50,000. Ten years ago you were getting £130 a tonne for your cider apples, and you ploughed back your profits in the shape of thousands of young trees. Last year you got £106 a tonne. In real terms, that £130 of ten years ago would be £221. Naturally your costs have risen, but you can see no way of cutting them further. How is it that every other country in the world seems able to produce apples more cheaply than you can?

Townie talk of over-use of pesticides is absurd now that you eke out anything that has to be paid for. Labour costs went long ago: the only labour is your own, and all you can see is that you're putting in a damn sight more of it in return for a damn sight less. The ulcer and the damaged back constitute your 1992 bonus.

Having nobody to talk to makes the whole picture blacker. Gilmour Evans, the NFU chairman in Montgomeryshire, caught the mood when he said: "Farmers are fighters, but when you don't know what to fight, you get afraid. You don't know where to run, so you sit at home and fear."

Mr Evans set up one of the regional telephone helplines that are being tried here and there to put depressed farmers in touch with the Samaritans and Citizens' Advice Bureaux. He doesn't know whether it is helping much though. Another farmer in the neighbourhood killed himself last week, and he fears the latest floods could be the last straw for others.

Farming is a desperately lonely business these days. My childhood memories of a smallish Somerset farm are suffused with a schmaltzy golden glow of shared endeavour, chatter and general busyness. Haymaking in the 1950s was like a scene from Thomas Hardy. We had seven men round the breakfast table every morning, and when my father got in a panic about something, as he often did, he could turn either to his own father a few farms away or to his wise, ever-calm foreman.

Farmers met in the market every Saturday and reminded each other that theirs was a wonderful way of life, and weren't they all so fortunate to be their own bosses. They went to the races, watched the cricket, met for a drink together and wove unsteadily home, their cars scraping the hedges all the way. Another country.

Matthew d'Ancona meets Jimmy Carter, soft speaker with no need of a big stick

What Jimmy did next

The man from Plains, Georgia, sweeps into the room wearing exactly the same smile he wore when he limped from the Oval Office in 1981. But even then, with his dream in ruins, Jimmy Carter managed to summon up the world's most famous grin.

Twelve years later, he is in Vienna as a distinguished guest of the United Nations Human Rights Conference, the biggest jamboree ever held in the name of freedom, to which 5,000 delegates and 1,300 non-governmental organisations have flocked this week. A few months into the Clinton administration, everyone wants to know whether the former president thinks his youthful successor is making the same mistakes he did. On the contrary: Mr Carter thinks President Clinton isn't being Carterite *enough*.

"The United States is making a very serious mistake in not dealing with Cuba," he says. "I think we should open up political avenues with Cuba." His rapprochement with Fidel Castro secured the release of 3,000 political prisoners, he points out, lamenting that Mr Clinton has instead thrown in his lot with the influential Cuban American lobby in Miami.

> 'I don't think that the protection of human rights has improved in the past ten or twelve years'

Indeed, Mr Carter cautions the tyro president that the plight of the 1,800 Cuban prisoners in America who have not been released because they are not American citizens could become a political embarrassment for the Democrats. "Democratisation and elections are not enough in my country," he says. "There are plenty of human rights violations going on within the United States."

And then there is Clinton policy on Haiti, the most conspicuous example of the new administration's failure to keep its campaign promises. Again, the former president is not impressed by his successor's actions. "When we impose a halfway blockade and don't impose a freeze on bank holdings, it only affects poor people," he says.

All in all, it is a less than flattering half-term report for the new boys in Washington: Mr Clinton, he concludes, must become "a much more vivid champion of human rights".

Ronald Reagan, by contrast, gets off surprisingly lightly in the Carter court. His policies in Central America "were not only mistakes, they were crimes", and Mr Carter awards his successor an uncompromising "F" for supporting the Contras. But "President Reagan did some very strong things to protect democracy and human rights," he says. Mr Carter is almost neurotically even-handed.

Not all statesmen find life after power easy. But Mr Carter is perhaps the most successful retired head of state since Konrad Adenauer. The Carter Centre, from its headquarters in Atlanta, has become one of the most respected champions of human rights, disease eradication and child protection in the world, and frequently assists governments in the awkward transition to multi-party democracy.

In retirement, the former president has become what he never could be in office; the true force of decency in international life. In truth, the human rights supporters gathered in Vienna are all Carter's children, yet they appear to have turned against him. At a preliminary meeting on Saturday, Mr Carter was shouted down by a group of Latin Americans, and forced to cut short his speech. It was an alarming sign of the threat this conferences poses to the very principles of universal human rights and particularly to the inviolability of free speech. Privately, Mr Carter was said to have been dismayed. On the record, of course, he is all smiles and diplomacy.

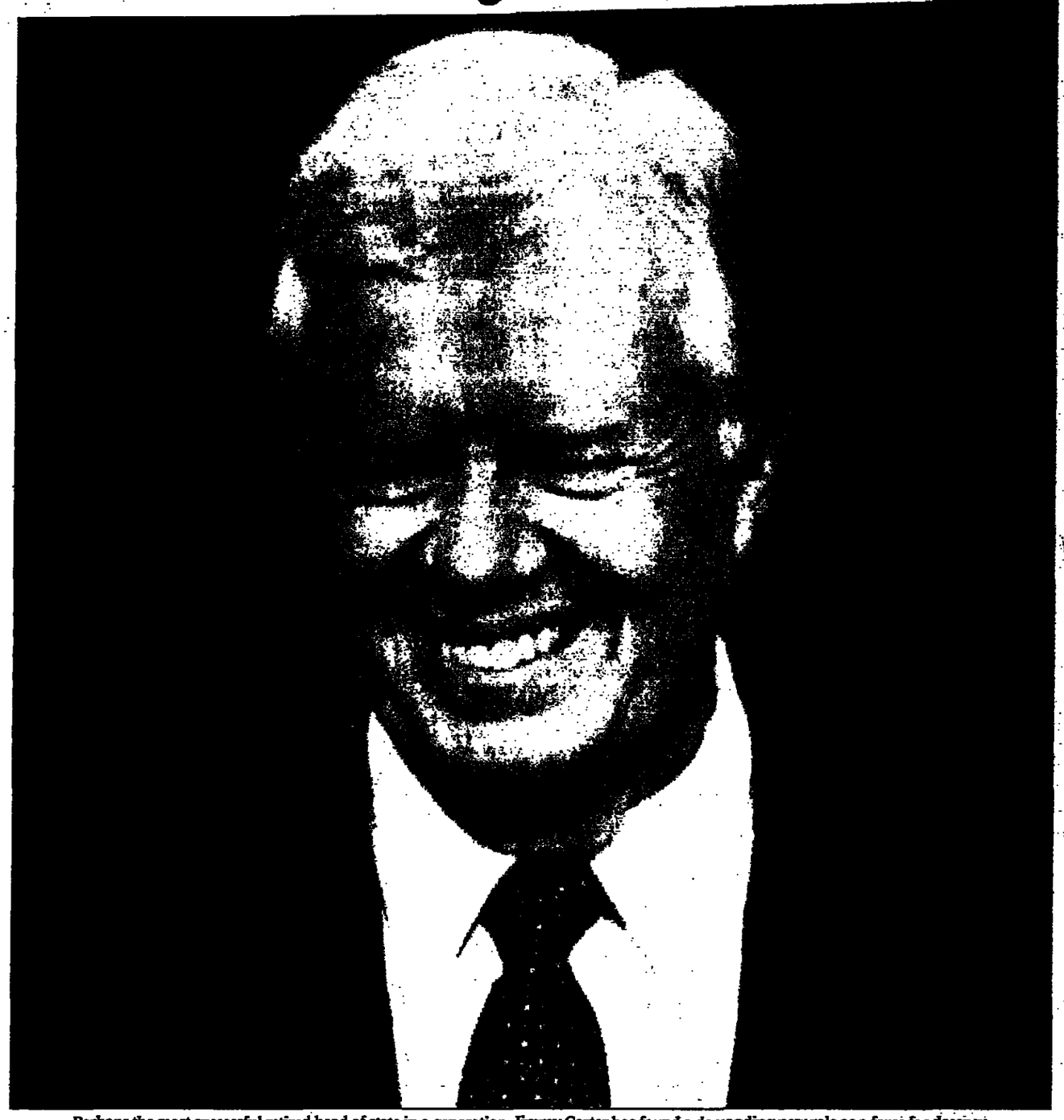
"I don't have any objections to participants voicing their objections. There are people who have very different views about what should be done about human rights." Third world countries, he suggests, tend automatically to blame Americans for the human rights violations of recent times. "I don't think that the protection of human rights has improved in the past ten or twelve years," he says, dissenting sharply from Western orthodoxy. "There is no focus for human rights investigations." Like Amnesty International and many of the delegates in Vienna, he supports "the escalation in status of the director of the UN Human Rights Centre in Geneva. The title of Commissioner would be advantageous because it identifies an individual whom any person on earth would be able to turn to ... I think the funding would be forthcoming if the leaders of the world were confident that it was going to be a strong office." Typically, he immediately offers his fund-raising services. But Western officials at the conference warn that bold new institutions are unlikely to emerge from this cacophonous gathering.

Like all fallen leaders, Mr Carter is keen to defend his past and keep posterity sweet. Was he right to normalise relations with Peking in January 1979, given that so many goods imported from China are now known to have been manufactured in slave labour camps? Suddenly, the human rights idealist turns State Department pragmatist. "This is a very difficult issue to address. The basic question is what is best done to increase the human rights status in China. Is it best to isolate China? With the demise or retirement of the octogenarians, I expect a more open political society."

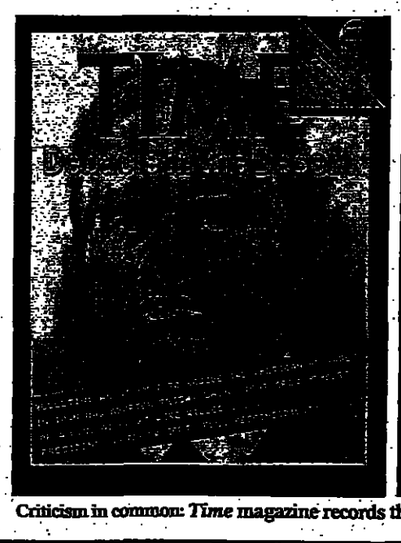
Mr Carter still plays the role of statesman as Everyman convincingly. He says he should be in Chicago watching his eldest grandson graduate from high school; when asked about the Dalai Lama's exclusion from the conference, he muses genially on a Sunday they spent together, "in my living room in Plains".

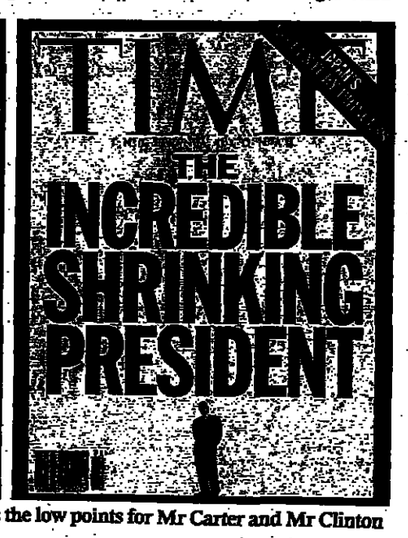
It is all disarmingly frank. "Always a pleasure to talk to *The Times*," he says as he gets up to go. But before I have time to reply, he has left the room, an avuncular arm around a minute Panamanian, who cannot believe that the man who wouldn't let Manuel Noriega near the White House is now talking to him. "You're from Panama? That's great, man. We're going there next month. Where do you live? Maybe we'll see you."

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Perhaps the most successful retired head of state in a generation: Jimmy Carter has found a demanding new role as a force for decency





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Why big is no longer beautiful

Women in America are deciding that breast implants are not worth the risk

THE backlash against breast implant surgery is growing across America. According to reports out this week, at least 30,000 women have had silicone implants removed following health scares about them.

Many women are now declaring publicly that small breasts are a small price to pay for safety. Last year, the American Food and Drug Administration banned the sale of silicone breast implants because of suspicions that they could cause painful auto-immune diseases such as arthritis. In a number of cases, implants have burst, leaking silicone into the body. In others, the tissue round the silicone has hardened, leaving women with breasts which look and feel like half grapefruits.

Plastic surgeons report a growing trade in removals or "explantations", costing about $5,000 (£3,300) — almost twice the price of augmentation surgery. The breasts sometimes turn out slightly smaller than they were naturally, since skin stretched by the silicone bags must be removed. Long-term studies of the safety of implants are still being conducted.

Although only 2 per cent of the 1.5 million American implant patients have had the silicone removed, the Command Trust Network — a support group for women with implants — says that it receives up to 75 calls a week from women, nearly all of whom opt for explantation. The television talk show host Jenny Jones has gone public about how much happier she is with her smaller chest size — a 36AA compared with a 36B — having had her implants removed. They had been causing her a great deal of pain.

Dolly Parton, the country and western singer famed for her *embonpoint*, has always denied having had implants but admits to undergoing "reconstruction work" after losing weight. However, a 30-year-old Los Angeles actress, who had augmentation surgery in 1986, told *The New York Times* recently that her implants had been removed five months ago. The actress, who did not want to be named, said she believed that the augmentation had helped her career. She said the implants were removed not because she had any pain, but because she was worried by the safety aspect. "I basically have the same breasts I started out with but with lines all over them," she said.

Those who still want larger breasts are being offered implants filled with saline solution, but even these are being studied by the Food and Drug Administration. Some surgeons are also replacing implants with tissue from the buttocks or abdomen. All implants, however, interfere with mammograms for breast cancer.

This being America, almost everyone is set to make money out of the latest scare. The surgeons are advertising the explantation operation, and lawyers are gearing up to sue doctors and the manufacturers of the silicone bags. A year ago, a woman won $7.34 million (£4.9 million) from the implant manufacturer Dow Corning, after her silicone bags burst. The company is appealing.

KATE MUIR



Be yourself: women have stopped trying to emulate Dolly Parton

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Which twin won in the womb?

Your first nine months may be as vital as your genetic make-up. **Aileen Ballantyne** on the latest nature-nurture debate

For centuries, scientists have tried to find the answer to the most basic question about mankind: what makes us who we are? Is it the unique and inevitable combination of our genes that determines our health and personality, or is it our environment?

It is a fascination that predates modern genetics. In *The Tempest*, Prospero describes Caliban as "A devil, a born devil, on whose nature Nurture can never stick".

Identical twins, created from the division of a single fertilised egg, have long been seen by researchers as nature's own experiment. But although they share exactly the same genes, new research shows they may be totally different in important ways from the very moment they are born because of the effect of the earliest posssible environmental influence: their mother's womb.

In the past few weeks, in the pages of the *The Lancet*, the whole validity of twin studies — on which much of our knowledge of genetic influence depends — has been heatedly debated. The controversy follows an article by Dr David Phillips, consultant physician at Southampton general hospital specialising in metabolic disease. Dr Phillips argues that the assumption, based on twin studies, that many illnesses, such as strokes and heart disease, late onset diabetes, allergies and high blood pressure, are largely genetic, may be wrong. He points out that propensity to all these diseases is now known to be affected by poor prenatal environment, and that in such diseases this is far more important than the idea of "disease genes".

Adverse prenatal conditions and low birth weights are particularly common for identical twins. The reason, he says, is that two-thirds of identical twins share a placenta. The twins compete for a limited supply of nutrients. In some cases, sharing a placenta can also lead to a syndrome known as "twin transfusion" in which blood slowly leaks from one twin to the other, producing one large twin and another smaller, anaemic twin.

"Twin studies may have misled us into believing in a genetic origin of many diseases," Dr Phillips concludes.

Independently of this debate, in a book published yesterday, (*The Language of the Genes*, HarperCollins, £16.99) the leading geneticist Professor Steve Jones, of University College, London, highlights the problem of adverse prenatal factors in twins and also emphasises that the experience of being a twin may itself influence behaviour. Professor Jones, whose own mother was an identical twin, says these factors may well cause problems even in the newer twin studies.

Many of the older studies attempted — often using doubtful methods — to compare the small number of identical twins separated at birth and reared, in the best traditions of romantic fiction, by completely different families. Most newer twin studies — such as one now being conducted at the Institute of Psychiatry — compare identical twins with ordinary fraternal twins born from two separate fertilised eggs. If both sets of twins are brought up within their own families, and the identical twins have a greater resemblance to each other than the fraternal twins, then genes play a more important part.

This approach has had many successes, but it has also had problems, particularly where behaviour is concerned. There is, for example, a greater incidence of mental illness in identical twins, Professor Jones says — but this may well be a result either of behaviour, or, indeed, being born an identical twin rather than a singleton. "The very fact of being identical twins — perhaps called Rosy and Posy and dressed in identical clothes — may predispose to mental disease," he says.

Against that, Professor Jones says, some of the newer twin studies are showing "quite convincingly" that some traits of personality, such as aggressiveness and introversion, do have a genetic component. But, once again, nurture cannot be discarded. An intrinsically aggressive man, for example may be calm "until he is given a chance to express his genotype by joining the army."

But it may be that such opportunities for expression of an inherent genetic characteristic come even earlier for twins if the latest ultrasound "films" of twins developing in the womb are to be believed. Dr Elizabeth Bryan, consultant paediatrician at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, and medical director of the Multiple Births Foundation, says that in some cases, in response to the "crowding" common to many twins in the womb, one becomes the aggressor and the other the passive recipient. A few studies which have then followed the twins through after birth have shown that these traits continue.

Dr Bryan, whose job involves seeing twins regularly in her clinic, emphasises that "labelling" in early life can also have an effect. If, for example, one is seen as the tidy one, the other the untidy one, their behaviour tends to reinforce the labels. In one recent case, she said, one twin was born with an extremely flattened head — which eventually normalised — due to the position of the other during their nine months in the womb. "His twin had been sitting on him throughout the whole pregnancy — we just don't know what that does to you psychologically."

In recent years, well-designed twin studies in America and Sweden, which have followed twins separated at birth, claim that 78 per cent of the variations in intelligence among populations is due to genes. The results have apparently been verified by comparing the IQs of children brought up together in the same families who are not related because some of them are adopted. The researchers found no significant similarity in IQs.

Professor Jones concedes that such studies suggest an inherited component in IQ, but adds: "The only thing IQ tests do is to measure your ability to do IQ tests."

Scientists hope to isolate every single one of the 100,000 genes in the human body by the end of this century. It will be possible to learn — if we wish to know — what we are most likely to die from and what genetic tendencies we may have inherited. It is reassuring to know that something as simple as your position in the womb may have an equally important effect.

MARK LYON



Lookalikes: identical twins, with the same genes and upbringing, are helping to solve a scientific puzzle

Parents need not live in fear

Why the case of a wrong diagnosis of bone cancer is unlikely to be repeated

The case of the Birmingham boy who underwent several courses of chemotherapy — an always distressing and occasionally hazardous treatment — for what was thought to be bone cancer but later proved to be a benign lesion, will have worried parents who have children undergoing similar therapy. However, a system of cross-checking is well established in all reputable units and cases of misdiagnosis must be rare. Even in the case of the Birmingham boy, regrettable as it is, the system to some extent worked, albeit belatedly, for the mistake was discovered when the original slides were re-checked by another pathologist.

The most common malignant bone tumour is the osteogenic sarcoma, which characteristically affects ten to 20-year-olds. It once had a very poor prognosis but now, with the advent of chemotherapy, more than 50 per cent of patients survive, as in the well-known case of Ted Kennedy's oldest son, Ted Kennedy Jnr.

In over half the cases, malignant bone tumours affect the area around the knee but any bone can be involved.

Osteogenic sarcomas are comparatively rare, even rarer are other malignant tumours such as chondro sarcomas, fibro sarcomas and Ewing's (round cell) bone tumours.

The exact nature of the Birmingham patient's trouble has not been disclosed.

Professor Sir Colin Berry, the director of the department of morbid anatomy at the Royal London Hospital, said: "Mothers can be assured that any anxieties they have of a repeat of this are misplaced. Because bone tumours are comparatively rare, and because there are many benign conditions which can simulate them, or, above all, inflammatory reactions following minor injuries, it is not a diagnosis which would be made by one person alone in most units.

The microscopic slide will be seen by other experts and so second and third opinions will routinely be obtained. Most pathologists, too, will comment only after having seen the X-rays and having made a careful review of the patient's case history.

Sir Colin was optimistic about the choice of Dr Archie Malcolm, of the North of England Bone Registry, to head the review of the Birmingham incident. "He has enormous experience of bone tumours and their diagnoses and is skilled in working with panels of pathologists."



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Although most units have a cross-checking system operating like that at the Royal London Hospital, mistakes have occurred. In a notorious incident some years ago in Scandinavia, one series of cases seemed to have a particularly high rate of recovery from osteogenic sarcoma. Only later, after very careful review, was it realised that some of the "cured" patients had never had cancer in the first place.

The earlier the diagnosis of a bone tumour the greater the chance that a patient will survive. The rule is that if there is persistent or progressive pain, or tenderness, in a bone or joint — particularly when associated with a swelling — it must be investigated and thought of as a possible tumour until it is proved otherwise. The greatest risk to a patient is not the very occasional misdiagnosis by a pathologist but tumours which are left without investigation until the diagnosis is all too obvious.

Collecting a specimen for biopsy has to be done with considerable attention to detail. Aspiration biopsies, in which cells are removed through a needle, is not always suitable for a bone tumour and mistakes have arisen because too few cells were collected to make microscopic examination accurate. Open biopsy, in which an incision is made, is the preferred method of most

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Lynne Truss



■ What next on the books pages? Chatto & Lacey? Cagney & Windus?

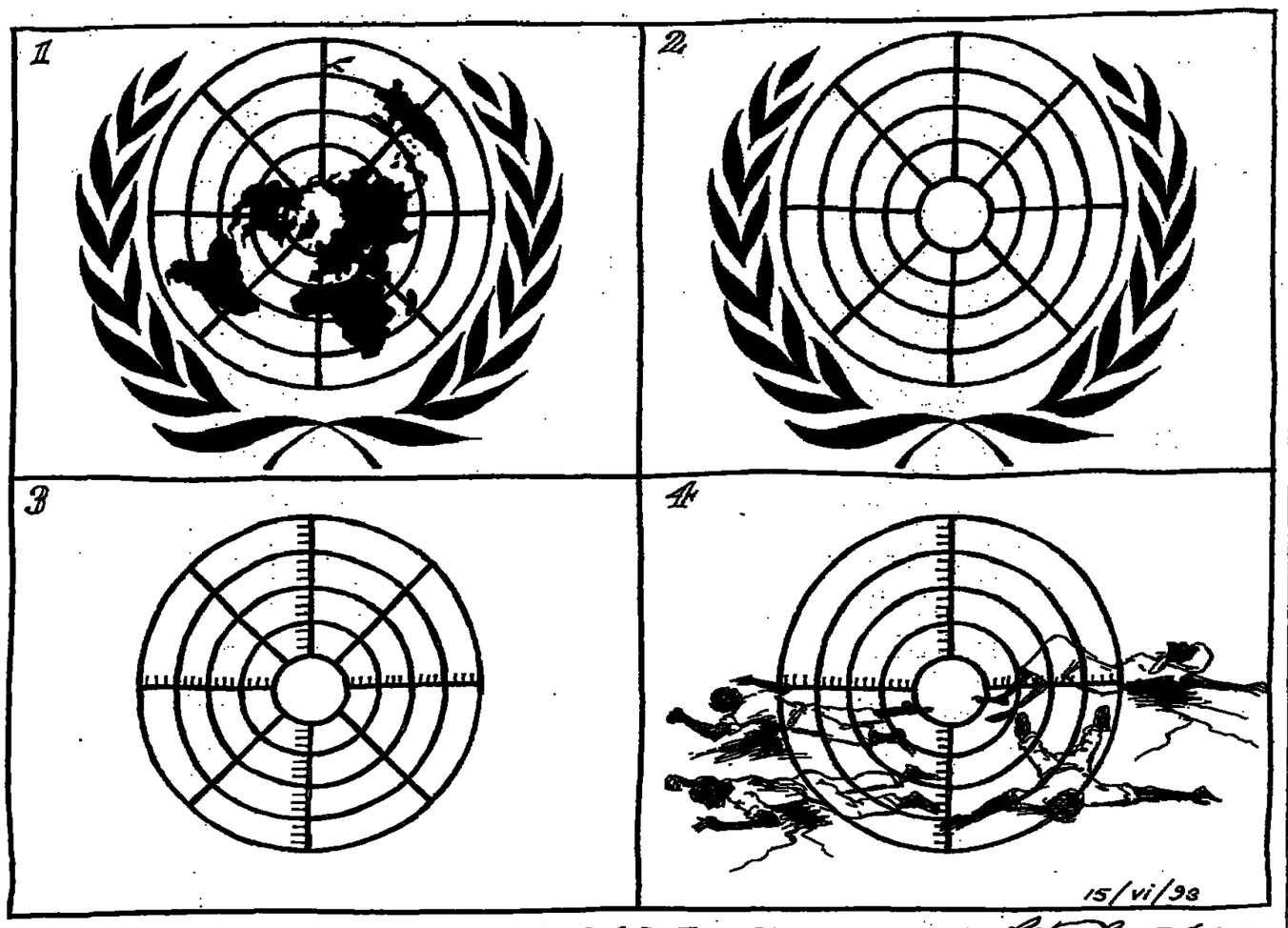
It is only when one watches several weeks of "Crime and Punishment" television that one realises how little real-life contact one has with the police. It is rather odd. As a viewer, I feel I am so well acquainted with police procedure I could confidently head a murder enquiry; but at the same time, in real life, I have only twice been inside a police station. Talking recently to the producer of a "Cops on the Box" documentary, I was relieved to find he shared this wildly discrepant experience. In making his programme, he said, he hired two actors in uniform to sit in an old white Zephyr (in homage to *Z Cars*) and walk shoulder-to-shoulder down whitewashed corridors. At one point, he momentarily forgot where he was, turned round to see these two coppers bearing down on him, and jumped aloft with shock.

Perhaps this explains why it has stuck in my mind, the time long ago when a real-life local CID bloke, taking a statement from me about a bag-snatching, conformed to his image as portrayed by left-wing television playwrights and thereby delivered a bit of a jolt. He had asked what my job was, to which I truthfully replied I was a literary editor on a magazine (*The Listener*). He looked interested, so I elaborated. Publishers sent me their new books, I said, and I commissioned reviews; then I edited them, wrote headlines, laid out pages and corrected proofs. "It's a dog's life," I added cheerfully, in case he thought I was showing off. He thought about it, as if he were going to volunteer for a spot of reviewing (people often did), and then pronounced the words that have niggled me ever since: "I expect there's room for corruption in that." I remember how my mind went blank. I said how d'you mean, corruption? You've got something people want, he said; it stands to reason they'll pay for it.

Well naturally I went back to the office next day and shook all the books to see if any fivers fell out, but with no success. I rang up Chatto & Windus and asked for the bribe department, but they denied all knowledge. My detective was evidently wrong in his suspicions. But what alarmed me, obviously, was that this friendly backhander insinuation was the first conversational angle he thought of. While normal people might have said, "Do you read all the books?", "What's Stephen Fry like?" or "So that's why you smell of book dust and Xerox toner!", this policeman evidently saw the world as one huge greasy palm, and assumed that everyone else did, too. In retrospect I wish I had countered more effectively. "Detective sergeant, are you?" I might have said, "Gosh, I expect there's room for reading a novel with a pencil in your hand in that."

So it took me aback, this encounter, the way corruption came up in the first five minutes I spent with a policeman. Especially when, merely out of politeness, I turned the conversation round to him ("But I expect there's room for corruption in *your* job?") and he fobbed me off with a ludicrous story involving a motorist and a ten-bob note. "You seem to have left this money in your driving-licence, sir; we must be more careful" he had said, apparently, handing it back confused. I feel he went a bit far, here, for someone who would doubtless assume that television reviewing (my current day-job) operates on the same backhander principle, that the producers send jewellery and boxes of chocs.

In my more paranoid moments I still wonder, though, whether I missed out on something. Whether other literary editors were taking delivery of string bags stuffed with notes in the gents at Waterloo while I was miserably sticking galleys onto layout sheets and getting cow-gum in my eyebrows. The idea of the lit ed as wide-boy certainly has its attractions: any gathering of the down-trodden stoop-gaited chaps (it's mostly chaps) tells you at a glance that sniffing the bindings is the nearest they get to an illicit activity. So what we obviously require is a culture in which literary editing, not police work, is the theme of tough uncompromising television shows. "I told you," the hard-boiled lit ed snarls down the phone, while admiring his manicured nails, "I want a pony for the Brookner, or the deal's off." The viewing nation would be held in thrall. He's tough; he's mean; he edits book reviews. And then, whenever the public chanced to meet a real literary editor in the flesh, they would get the same frisson of second-hand recognition that we currently reserve for the cops.



Why racism was doomed

South Africa's white separatists amount to no more than a hill of has-beens. The political climate is changing irrevocably

Bernard Levin

It is almost certainly true that God is not mocked, and for that matter that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. At any rate, when the Galatians heard about it they didn't seem surprised, much less indignant. But the Galatians will be a pushover compared to what is coming next, because what is coming next is one man one vote in South Africa, and the sound of reaping is drowning conversation throughout the country. Let us hope that reaping will be the loudest sound.

Only a fool or a scoundrel, though it is necessary to understand that there are an enormous number of both in this world, would rejoice at thoughts of vengeance upon the people who behaved so terribly to the millions whose only crime was to be born with a black skin. But if there is to be such vengeance, no one, I imagine, will be surprised.

We are discussing, after all, a country in which until very recently any white policeman could with complete immunity kill any black person, with or without any kind of reason, in the certainty that no law would interfere. We are discussing a country in which (I wrote about the case) a white man could, and did, spend a weekend torturing a black man to death, for no better reason that the black man had accidentally run over one of the white man's dogs, and be punished by having to pay the murdered man's widow the equivalent of £360 a year for five years. We are discussing a country which for years was governed by Verwoerd and Vorster, both of whom would have been quite at home turning the gas-taps of the Holocaust. We are discussing a country in which tens or even hundreds of thousands of human beings could be, and frequently were, driven out of their homes and driven like cattle to a place without even the most rudimentary facilities. We are discussing a country in which the warders of the prisons thought it great fun to connect the electric current to the walls, floor and ceiling of a black prisoner and then play a hosepipe on him and the cell. We are discussing a country in which five white youths (I wrote about that too) thought it would be pleasant to kick and beat to death two elderly black men and, when prosecuted, found themselves sentenced to spend their weekends, for a year, working in a hospital; the judge said that "These are not the type of people that can be sent to reformatory or to jail," and followed that by saying that caning would "not be suitable punishment" for the five young murderers. We are discussing a country in which an official statement, put out at the highest level of government, at the depths of South Africa's racial wickedness, could declare that

> If by "apartheid" is meant political domination by any one community of any other; the exclusion of any community from the decision-making process; injustice or inequality in the opportunities available for any community; racial discrimination and impairment of human dignity; then the South African government shares in the rejection of the concept.

Reading through that indictment, which of course I could have multiplied at least a thousand times from my own observations, I found it difficult to restrain myself from hoping for the mass slaughter that could be said no more than justice. For that matter, it is easy to preach moderation to those who have suffered, particularly those who did indeed practise moderation and for their thanks were starved, beaten, dispossessed, imprisoned, tortured or killed.

It is true that the quality of mercy is not strain'd, and indeed it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. Moreover, it is twice blessed — oh yes it is, because it blesseth him that gives and him that takes. But will that, I ask myself, be enough?

There is nothing serious to fear from the riff-raff of Terre-Blanche's kind; most of them would wet themselves if they came upon a Zulu with a spear, and anyway they are more interested in boozing than fighting, and more interested in fornicating than either. But there are others to discuss. The momentous news that de Klerk announced was greeted with a most commendable calm; presumably most of the whites had realised what he was going to say. (There are many almost uncanny parallels with the dismantling of Soviet communism.)

There are, of course, those who believe in separate races not from selfish motives but from their weird claim that God wants it that way; happily, the leader of that strange faction, Dr Treurnicht, died only a few weeks ago — perhaps God wanted it that way. It is unlikely that another leader as powerful and trusted will be found for those who believe that the Almighty isn't colour-blind.

Yet there are many rivers to be crossed; some of them are turbulent, and the sharks lurk in the shadows muttering "what we have we hold". More significant is the demand for a separate state; well, the Voortrekkers went that way, but I rather think that nearly a century of soft living — very soft, as it indeed it must have been with the black helots to do the actual work — has made rugged self-suffiency not a especially enchanting option.

It is interesting to examine the kind of people who want their own country within the new South Africa. Heedless of Levin's Theorem, which says that all political organisations with names ending in Front are doomed to failure, a very mixed crew have got together to tell the tide to go back, and under the banner of the Afrikaner People's Front there have gathered the trades unions (the most conservative organisations in South Africa, as in Britain) the farmers (the second most conservative organisations, again as in Britain) and a rag-tag-and-bobtail of superannuated generals. So far, Swanepoel, the one who headed the interrogations, has not been heard from; I very much hope he is dead, and if so I hope he died badly.

The most vociferous general, though by no means the most scarlet in the face, is General Viljoen. He has taken to haranguing crowds on the dangers of communism, a subject of which I imagine he knows as much as I know of generalship. Other, more red-faced generals have been heard to claim that if things go on as they are going now, they may well end in armed resistance. Meanwhile, there has been a march of farmers, amid which horny-handed sons of the soil there were to be seen banners demanding the immediate release from bail of Mr Derby-Lewis, who has been charged with the murder of Chris Hani, the head of the Communist party. As for President de Klerk, he was naturally categorised as a traitor.

There are tightropes everywhere in South Africa today. Not only are the leading players in this dangerous game obliged to cross chasms on them, but the players have to watch where they are going even if the tightropes are not in use for crossing gorges; there are many reports of broken ankles from people who have tripped over tightropes even though these were neatly coiled and stowed. Yet I remain optimistic. President de Klerk has not made a serious mistake yet, and Mr Mandela has wearily but bravely put up with all the horrors he has had to face, not least his wife.

The truth, surely, is that nothing stays the same for ever. Who (apart from me) believed that the Soviet empire would wither, crumble and die? It did so, and for all the dreadful things that have happened since it did, that clock will not be put back. Nor will South Africa's. The clue is what I mentioned a moment ago; when de Klerk announced that there would be, within a year or two, national suffrage throughout the country, the news was received with little more than shrugs. Deep in their hearts, the people of that country had long known that it would come. Not, certainly, because of those who denounced South Africa while they smiled at the Soviet Union; not because of ineffective sanctions; not even because of the immense wickedness of such a country, based as it was for so long on the poisonous theory that the colour of a human being's skin determines the nature of the human being. But it simply had to go.

For all the generals — red-faced, pallid or even with a touch of the tar-brush (and don't think it hasn't happened and can't be happening now) — it will go. Not very quickly, not very happily, not very peacefully, but it will go. It is easy to smash a barometer, but even if you smash every barometer in the land, you will not change the weather.

Now give Major a year's grace

The Tories need a period of calm, says Woodrow Wyatt

Tories are not sensible to discuss an early leadership election. All of any consequence have had their say about the dismissal of the former Chancellor and the reasons he gave for his disquiet at the government's handling of short and long-term issues. Whether the prime minister was right or wrong to remove Mr Lamont from office, so bowing to pressure from the media and his party managers, while declaring that his policies were right and would continue is a matter now in the past. For Tories, righteous or unrighteous indignation should be replaced by a rational look ahead.

Kenneth Clarke, as he showed in his previous posts, is tough and does not fear unpopularity when sticking to correct long-term policies. He demonstrated this when he outfaced public hysteria bolstering the ambulance drivers' strike. In so doing, he saved the health service from the knock-on effects of higher pay all round, which would have cost taxpayers millions and reduced services to patients. He has the makings of a fine Chancellor, dedicated to cutting public spending (quite a lot of which can be done by curbing inefficiency) and to the implementation of his predecessor's strategy. In a splendidly combative speech winding up the economic debate last Wednesday, he showed no inclination to higher personal taxes or for a return to the ERM. His style of debating, so discomfiting to the Opposition, heartens the ranks behind him.

Astute Michael Howard at the Home Office will not be deflected by criticism from the police or anyone else in the fight against crime. With his cool head, he is likely to deal quickly and competently with those unexpected incidents arousing public alarm which inevitably harass Home Secretaries.

Mr Major has lost popularity and respect to a remarkable degree. Both may still be recovered. In the storms centering on him, his good points have been obscured. Like Maastricht or not, he valiantly and ingeniously struck the best deal possible for Britain. He kept us free of the debilitating Social Chapter. He saw the danger ahead that foreign investors would not start new enterprises here, and possibly would withdraw from many already here, if Maastricht were not ratified.

Despite my distress at what I perceived as disloyalty to his staunch friend and ally Mr Lamont, I believe John Major is a decent man struggling to do right in uniquely adverse circumstances. Small majorities containing dissident exhibitionists and permanent enemies are far more difficult to cope with than a small majority such as, say, Churchill's in 1951, when all behind him were of one mind. Mr Major's character has been subjected to a most extraordinary buffeting inside and outside parliament; it is clear why at times he has appeared shaken and uncertain. He still has the capacity to grow in stature by learning from his mistakes, and should be given the chance to prove it, at least until October 1994.

We are in an unprecedented era, with a government in difficulties and an Opposition bedevilled by worse ones. The irreversible Thatcher revolution wiped out belief in socialist ideas. High personal taxation is no longer acceptable; nor is interference by the state in the conduct of commerce and industry. The virtues and benefits to all of full-blown capitalism are seen to outweigh its excesses, provided, as Adam Smith remarked, that these are held within the bounds of fairness and decency. As Labour's paymasters, poor John Smith is lumbered with unions which refuse to give up their block-votes and insist on determining a Labour government's economic actions. This is now so abhorrent to the majority of voters that it is impossible for Labour to win an election, with or without Liberal Democrat cooperation, however much the Tories squabble and whoever their leader may be. Frenzy does not become the Tories; reflection is what is required.

Accounts differ

BAD TIMES at the Arts Council. The villain this time is not Peter Brooke, but Price Waterhouse, the accountancy firm which recommended in its recent review that the organisation should shed 40 jobs. Staff are wondering whether Price Waterhouse arrived at the answers before asking the questions: the charts that outline its proposals are dated 31 March 1993 . . . before the accountants had interviewed anyone from the Arts Council.

The review, ordered by Brooke at a cost of nearly £60,000, criticised the council for being "cumbersome and costly" and for the high cost of administration. But had this conclusion been reached before the eight weeks of interviews with Arts Council staff and clients?

One Arts Council insider says: "The clear implication is that they made their minds up before they even talked to us." Disquiet goes right to the top. Secretary-general Anthony Everitt has expressed his anger to colleagues. Officially he is a little more cautious. "Of course we would expect all good consultants to give serious consultation in advance to any organisation they were about to review. By the same token, we would expect them to take into account the eight weeks of discussions when they prepared their recommendations."

Price Waterhouse insists that his complaints are groundless. A spokeswoman says: "The reason the charts are dated March 31 is that that was when we produced charts of the current organisational structure. The final chart was obviously different, but had the same date on it because it was the same file. There was never any question of pre-empting the consultation."

● *A tale of strife from the high-octane world of glossy magazines. Staff at* OK! *have been told to stop answering the telephone with 'Hello . . .' It causes unnecessary confusion, says editor Ann Wallace. 'We started off saying 'Hello' when we answered the telephone, but every time we did that we drew attention to* Hello! *. . . Now we say 'OK!' instead. It makes sense.'*

DIARY

Songs in his heart

THE EXPLOSIVE drama of Norman Lamont and the package he so speedily delivered to Notting Hill police station in west London was defused as soon as the "bomb" proved to be nothing more than a couple of compact discs. The offending CDs have since been returned by Kensington police. So what is the musical Lamont now sitting back to enjoy?



Could it be Edith Piaf's greatest hits, featuring what has become virtually his theme tune, "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien"? Sadly, it appears not. Both CDs were classical. One was Vivaldi, his Four Seasons of Discontent perhaps, and the other Handel — the Deep Water Music?

Scam?

HAVING prompted fears that *Scan*, the fearlessly independent staff magazine at English Heritage, would be censored, Jocelyn Stevens appears to have gone one better. The magazine has disappeared.

Fears for its survival surfaced in January, when Mark Winter, its editor, was moved out of his own office into the press office, following publication of letters criticising Stevens, English Heritage's controversial chairman.

Four months later, the magazine disappeared altogether. A spokesman in the press office insists that the magazine is being revamped, and not closed. "It is true we did not incorporate an explanation in the last edition," said the spokesman. "The magazine will return." When? "Pass."

Needled

DELUGED they may be in Llandudno, but the fighting spirit is strong. So strong that a local squire has been forced to draw on some very heavy artillery to help defend himself against the townsfolk.

Richard Broyd, a wealthy hotelier and owner of Bodysgallen Hall near Llandudno, has infuriated the populace by building a 64ft stone obelisk on a hill to the south of the town. Even the planners who gave him permission for his folly are having second thoughts and warn it may have to be demolished.

Broyd's answer to his little local difficulty has been to curry support from influential friends, according to *Follies*, the magazine for folly fanciers. The Marquess of Anglesey, the Duke of Grafton, Sir Roy Strong, Earl Lloyd George and others have signed a letter arguing the case for the obelisk. Dame Jennifer Jenkins, another signatory, says the folly is wholly appropriate: "He received planning permissions and it's the sort of thing that landlords have put up over the centuries."

But the letter only appears to have compounded Broyd's local problems. "Obelisks were erected to show local domination over a subjugated populace," says a spokesman for the Ffrith Obelisk Action Group. "We are not pacified."

● *The Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, is Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn and not Lord Renton of Huntingdon, as the Diary incorrectly reported yesterday. Our apologies to both.*



Short-lived disgrace

Harvey Proctor, the former Tory MP for Billericay, could be in line for a return to Essex politics. With the Tories losing the marginal seat of Thurrock at the last election, there is talk that Proctor could be the man to win it back again next time round.

Despite the adverse publicity that surrounded his resignation in 1987, his line on immigration and record as a constituency MP endeared him to many.

Proctor, who now runs the eponymous high-class shirt and fashion accessory shop, has been rehabilitated since his resignation. Last year he became president of the chamber of commerce in Richmond, Surrey.

Ted Attwell, president of Thurrock Conservatives, says: "If he applies he will be considered in the usual way. But I will say, many people thought he was stitched up by the newspapers because of his views on immigration."

Proctor is flattered, but remains enigmatic. "Politics is not on my agenda. But it is a strange business and unexpected things can happen."

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RIGHTS FOR ALL

The West must keep the beacon of human rights aflame

The United Nations World Conference on Human Rights, which opened yesterday in Vienna, seemed a marvellous idea when preparations were launched in 1990. Political and economic freedoms had made huge advances in the late 1980s, transforming the political complexion of Latin America, parts of Asia and even of Africa. In Eastern Europe, the iron curtain had collapsed and new democracies were shaking off communism. There was unprecedentedly wide government acceptance of the principle, laid down in 1948 in the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that a state's respect for the rights of the individual was a legitimate international concern. The time seemed right for a commemorative conference, 45 years later, to strengthen the UN's weak machinery for holding governments to their obligations.

These high hopes for a new global approach to strengthen the protection of human rights have been severely jolted even before debate is joined. Largely thanks to the UN's system of preparing for such global gatherings through its regional groups, the north-south confrontations which did so much in the 1970s to discredit the UN are resurfacing. The Vienna conference must at the very least preserve the gains of the past 45 years. The altered international mood should enable it do better if Western governments, most of which are paying too little attention to this conference, put greater weight behind the defence of liberty.

The Asian group is planning an assault on the universal ideal which underpins the entire UN system for protecting human rights. As usual, this is the work of a small number of countries; but it includes, disturbingly, not only such such systematic violators of the most basic individual freedoms as China, Burma, Iraq and Syria but moderate offenders such as Malaysia and Indonesia — who claim that their prosperity proves them right in systematically putting the rights of society before the rights of the individual. The Asians are simply putting a new slant on claims which are as drearily familiar as they can be made superficially seductive. Governments have sought over the years to deflect scrutiny of their internal affairs by arguing that the concept of individual rights is not universal, but a distinctive outgrowth of Western history which is inapplicable to other cultures where the rights of the group and the tradition of consensus is stronger.

In Vienna, there will even be a fresh assault on the principle of the free exchange of knowledge — declared by the UN in 1946 to be "the touchstone of all the freedoms to which the UN is consecrated". The Vienna draft implies that the free flow of information should be allowed only if it is "objective, responsible and impartial": provisos which allow almost unlimited scope for censorship.

A second line of attack against individual rights is that bread must come before freedom, development before democracy and that civil rights are a meaningless abstraction unless allied to society's needs for peace, disarmament or a clean planet. To the peasant without civil rights who cannot make his needs known or call his government to account, the right to development may be the more meaningless abstraction. Such arguments serve despots well.

Even China, Peking should be reminded, has a saying: "under Heaven, one family." Yesterday, Warren Christopher and the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, came spiritedly to the defence of what Dr Boutros Ghali insists are fundamental standards to be observed "across the lines of culture, faith and state". In the 1970s, when the West was a beleaguered minority at the UN, its governments resigned themselves time after time to defeat. To the great detriment of people in the developing world, the results were the UN's "new orders" for information and the international economy. At Vienna, the West should resist the temptation to seek consensus at the expense of principle.

TURKEY'S THATCHER

Mrs Ciller belongs to a new, thoroughly modern generation

Even today the election of a woman prime minister is an unusual event. The election of Tansu Ciller to head the government in Turkey is significant for another reason: it marks the transfer of power to a new generation in Turkish politics. Her victory over two others — one strongly favoured by President Demirel, her predecessor in the office — is the more surprising because the American-educated economics professor is a relative newcomer to politics. Excluding Benazir Bhutto, whose support in Pakistan depends largely on her father's name, this is the first time that a Muslim, albeit secular, country has chosen a female prime minister.

Comparisons with Baroness Thatcher have helped. Lady Thatcher's reputation remains high in the Islamic world, and has done as much to encourage the acceptance of women in public life as it has to win backing for robust beliefs in the market. Mrs Ciller believes the state must be cut back, inflation and the public deficit brought under control and privatisation increased. So far the government has failed to achieve its economic targets. This will be her first challenge; but she faces many others.

Turkey is engaged in almost open warfare with the Kurdish guerrilla insurrection, blighting hopes of regional development in the Kurdish-dominated south-east. She will be hard pressed to keep together her unstable coalition of the True Path and Social Democrat Populist parties, and must exploit her charisma to the full to impose discipline on the bickering right. Above all she must convince an angry public that she has the determination to protect Turkish and Muslim interests in both Germany and Bosnia, where a burning sense of injustice has made the need for statesmanship vital and difficult. She has already announced that she will begin immediate talks with Bonn on the treatment of Turks in Germany.

Turkey's pivotal role in the post-communist Balkans and Central Asia has made Turkey a Nato partner whose importance has, if anything, increased after the collapse of communism. Turkey offers a model of a secular, market-oriented democracy that is in competition with Iran's Islamic dictatorship for influence in huge tracts of the former Soviet Union. Turkey can do much to broker peace in the Transcaucasus. And it has a legitimate interest in the stable development of its Balkan neighbours, former provinces of its own Ottoman empire. So far Greek fears of any Turkish role in the area have proved unfounded: Turkey has been a restraining influence.

By 1995 Turkey will have a full customs union with the European Community. That should smooth the prickly political relationship between the two. The danger has always been that, rebuffed in its application for full EC membership, Turkey would turn its back on Europe and the West. Under President Demirel and Mrs Ciller, that is unlikely. The forces of obscurantist Islamic fundamentalism have not been fully defeated; but Mrs Ciller represents a new generation of Young Turks whose time has come.

OUTPOSTS OF EMPIRE

At last, we poor Britons are learning how the EC lives



Today's report on recent goings on at the European Community's London office is something of an eye-opener. The imperial capital of the European empire has sometimes seemed very far away. Tales of glittering Brussels decadence have for long brightened the lives of Euro-citizens, but we British have played scant part in them. Little did us provincials from this foggy, northern backwater realise that we, too, could share in the brilliant vices of the new Rome.

Enviously, we have watched as billions worth of bogus subsidies ("ECU, Brute?") were dished out to the undeserving of the continent. Amazed, we have viewed the high drama of Italian civil servants of the Commission, with interests in the tobacco industry and interesting connections in Palermo, jumping out of the Berlaymont building's windows. Awestruck, we have watched as Brussels passed regulation after regulation dictating higher standards of hygiene, safety at work and honest dealing only to see those regulations flagrantly flouted by every petty authority on the shores of the Mediterranean. For years our provincial politicians and civil servants could only aspire to dine at top table at "the heart of Europe", forced to remain mere voyeurs at this Neronic banquet. The alleged maladministration of the EC's London office shows that some of us at least may have learned to be true Europeans.

The foundation of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development gave us the first intimation that Britain was no longer to be cut off from these continental ways. Just as Augustus boasted in his testament that he had found Rome built in brick and remade it in marble so Jacques Attali, the EBRD director, lavishly adorned our humble provincial capital. M Attali saw that the portals of the London headquarters of the EBRD were built in marble: and had them rebuilt in even more expensive marble.

The office of the European Commission is supposed to represent the Commission's interests in Britain, explain its policies to the voters and report back on British attitudes to the Commission. But the report cites damaging instances of chaotic organisation, poorly conducted meetings, unnecessary paperwork and failure either to answer a telephone or to communicate with outposts of the EC beyond Hadrian's Wall. In vain the report belabours the ramblings of official meetings, the absence of honest debate, and above all, the reluctance of staff to spread the good news about Europe beyond a narrow circle of fellow enthusiasts.

The Bonn and Paris offices of the Commission, however, are, according to our Brussels masters, far more efficient and zealous in their mission than lackadaisical London. This gives us grounds for hope. The report indicates that because of our obstinacy and the wilful adherence of the majority to its native culture, the Eurocrats in London have been driven to drink. Thus did the governors of Judaea reach for a glass of strong wine after a fruitless day persuading the people that Roman civilisation was superior. And when Roman emperors, tired of the endless border conflicts across the Channel, took their troops out of Britain, they probably raised a glass too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Renewed threat to cancer hospital

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter and others

Sir, We are dismayed and confused to learn that the Royal Marsden Hospital is yet again under threat of closure by the Department of Health. This is despite successfully convincing the Secretary of State last February against adopting the proposal in the Tomlinson report to close it and relocate it within Charing Cross Hospital (report, February 17).

The specialty reviews, set up by Virginia Bottomley in the wake of the Tomlinson report, have been examining the provision of specialist treatment in London, including cancer.

It appears that, despite the compelling arguments against moving the Royal Marsden into Charing Cross (based on the massive costs of the exercise, the loss of facilities, the threat to the high standards of research and the cut in beds) — all of which helped to persuade Mrs Bottomley against the move — we are now back to square one. Indeed the specialty reviews have gone further than Tomlinson, threatening the Royal Marsden's Sutton hospital with closure and relocation to St George's.

The arguments which saved the Royal Marsden Hospital in February remain as valid today as they did then. We cannot understand why the Tomlinson proposal, so roundly rejected then, is now being resurrected, unless there is a hidden agenda at work. Could it be that the North West Thames Regional Health Authority, which always openly supported the plan to close the Royal Marsden, is trying to hijack the specialty reviews to achieve its own ends, despite Mrs Bottomley's decision in February?

We would therefore urge the Secretary of State to reject once again these ill-founded proposals.

Yours faithfully,
BOYD-CARPENTER,
LIMERICK,
STOCKTON,
TONYPANDY,
House of Lords.
June 14.

Transport, 40 years on

From Mr B. J. Goodchild

Sir, Your leader, "Forty years on" (May 31), overlooks an important aspect of life in Britain where the picture is markedly worse now than it was in Coronation year: public transport.

In the 1950s it was possible to reach the most remote parts of the country without a car. If you could not travel all the way on the pre-Beeching railway, there was a good chance that you could catch a bus to your final destination.

Nowadays many villages, some even within the green belt around London, see only a handful of buses per week, if any. For many journeys, whether by bus or train, Sunday is in effect a no-go day.

It is not good enough to dismiss this as mere nostalgia. Many of us without personal transport have suffered much reduced standards of mobility, if not real hardship.

A fair and rational society, especially one faced with the steadily mounting congestion and pollution caused by cars, would have rewarded and encouraged non-motorists by making public transport more attractive instead of less.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY GOODCHILD,
36 Hinton Road,
Wallington, Surrey.
June 1.

From Major R. J. de V. Wade (RE, retd)

Sir, Our Oxfordshire village is not enjoying its taste of transport privatisation, with different companies competing for the same business.

The 12-mile road from Faringdon to Swindon is now served by three bus companies, none of which will accept competitors' return tickets, and all of whose buses are running so empty that they can hardly be considered very profitable.

And I am quite unable to produce a simple summary of their timetables for our parish magazine.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES WADE
(Parish transport representative),
9 Catherine Close,
Shrivenham, Oxfordshire.
June 1.

The taste is sour

From Mr Michael Winner

Sir, John Burton-Race, chef at L'Ortolan in Shinfield, Berkshire, shows what his customers can expect if they dare not to like his food ("Dish of the Day", Weekend, June 5).

You report him saying he did me "a favour" by letting me into his restaurant and that I then asked for a larger table and showed off all over the place. I did ask for a larger table because the table I had was both small and very wobbly. After that I sat quietly (too quietly) and ate food I didn't care for.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL WINNER,
6-8 Sackville Street, W1.
June 9.

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Rejection of Tory student poll result

From Mr Gawain Towler and others

Sir, What price "one member one vote" in the Conservative party? Mr Major's views on democracy within the Labour party have been belied by his own chairman, Sir Norman Fowler, and his deputy chairman, Gerry Malone. The occasion was the appointment last week of the national director of the Conservative Collegiate Forum (report, later editions, June 11).

An election/consultation process was set up in which each branch of the CCF was allowed to express an opinion as to the choice of director. Votes were discounted, branches were denied their say, the schedule abandoned and the result suppressed.

Despite this, a clear and substantial majority of the votes counted (23 branches to 16, representing about 3,200 and 2,200 members respectively) were cast for Conor Burns of Southampton University.

Conor has a splendid record of commitment and achievement on behalf of the party, and no one has questioned his competence. He has, however, made clear his support for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty and we believe this has disqualified him from office.

Conor Burns's view of Europe is that which is supported by the entire Conservative party: free trading, decentralised, democratic and non-federal. His crime was to have disagreed with the government over whether Maastricht was a step towards or away from such a Europe.

The fact of his non-appointment, in violation of the democratic process, shows not only that the Conservative party will brook no dissent, but that it will never forgive or tolerate those who have dissented in the past.

We are not content to hold office in a party which combines such vengeful intolerance with such open disregard for the views of its own membership. We have therefore resigned from our positions in the CCF.

Yours sincerely,
GAWAIN TOWLER
(Yorkshire area chairman, CCF),
SIMON BROWN
(East Midlands area chairman),
GAYLE GANDER
(Deputy national director),
DAN HANNAN
(Deputy national director),
MARK SMY
(Western area chairman),
IAN WRIGHT
(West Midlands area chairman),
CHRISTEN THOMSON
(President, Oxford University Conservative Association),
Derwent College,
University of York, Heslington, York.
June 14.

How to know what we are eating

From Ms Margaret Murray

Sir, The call in your leading article ("The food we eat", June 7) for tougher, clearer laws about what information should be provided on food labels may give the impression that the laws in this area are not already strict. In fact, under the food labelling regulations, unless a food has a name which is prescribed by law (e.g., margarine) or is the subject of a customary name (e.g., pasta) the name used for the product must be

sufficiently precise to inform a purchaser of the true nature of the food and to enable the food to be distinguished from products with which it could be confused and, if necessary, shall include a description of its use.

Whatever name is used it should be readily understood by the consumer, as well as being a proper description of the food and attractive to the purchaser.

The Food Law Group has advocated the use of special courts to consider food law and consumer protection. These would assist in the development of consistent and widely applied decisions which would benefit both industry and consumers. In my view such courts should be independent to achieve proper balance.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET MURRAY
(Chairman), Food Law Group,
41 Alexandra Road,
Wimbledon, SW19.
June 8.

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, The National Consumer Council strongly endorses your view that we urgently need new regulations on food labelling, so that consumers can tell what they are eating.

If shoppers buy a slice of meat labelled ham or turkey, for instance, they tend to think that it is a slice cut from the bone — not something that may consist of gristle, gelatine, fat and bits of lean meat from different carcasses, all pulped together.

Mechanically recovered meat, which can be just as nutritious as meat cut from the bone, sometimes contains fat, and consumers trying to cut down on their fat intake need this information. Paradoxically, food manufacturers are not obliged to tell consumers, unless they are claiming that theirs is a low-fat product.

We believe that food manufacturers should come clean about what it is that they are selling. The sooner that new regulations come into force, obliging food labels to specify the percentages of different ingredients in food of all kinds, the better.

Yours faithfully,
RUTH EVANS,
Director,
National Consumer Council,
20 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.
June 8.

From Mr P. J. L. Lawrence

Sir, Tony Dawe's article (June 7) on chemical sprays on fruit describes shellac as "beetle dung" or the excreta of insects. This is inaccurate and unscientific. Honey or beeswax might just as well be described as "bee dung".

Shellac is a resinous secretion, mainly of female lac insects which feed on the sap of certain trees in south-east Asia. It is the original source of lacquer, and has been used for some 3,000 years or more.

The material is gathered, washed, heated, solvent-refined and purified, and has been used in the West for more than 100 years in glazes of confectionery and pharmaceutical tablets. So its use on citrus peel is commonplace and permissible and no cause for indignant excitement.

Please let us have no more dung-flinging at a "natural" product whose function is to prevent oranges arriving at the shops mouldy and with wrinkly skins.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LAWRENCE
(Chairman), Astor-Stag Ltd,
1 Lancaster Place, WC2.
June 9.

From Miss Mandy Childs

Sir, If you really believe consumers have the right to know exactly what they are buying and that supermarket chains should not be allowed to dictate what buyers need to know, I assume you will also be calling for the labelling of factory-farmed animal produce, showing how the animals were reared and slaughtered.

I believe we are being conned into believing that factory-farmed animals are treated humanely and that they are slaughtered without pain. Consumers can make informed decisions about what they will or will not buy only with all the information before them.

Whilst you may be instrumental in gaining the right of consumers to know that the chicken they buy contains large amounts of water, would you not agree that they also have a right to know if, for instance, any drugs have been given to the animal during its short life?

Yours faithfully,
MANDY CHILDS,
Poets Cottage,
Bournheath, Bromsgrove,
Hereford and Worcester.
June 7.

From Mr Alan Blyth

Sir, Tony Dawe is to be congratulated on his horrifying revelations about what is happening to our food. These revelations should have one result — the abolition of the food processing industry. Then once again we could eat food pure and simple rather than sullied by water, mauling and additives of doubtful value. It would also be far cheaper.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BLYTH,
22 Shilling Street,
Lavenham, Suffolk.
June 9.

Gormley as negotiator

From Lord Ezra

Sir, Joe Gormley's recent death (obituary, May 28) has been mourned by many, both inside and outside the coal industry. His period as president of the National Union of Mineworkers from 1971 to 1982 coincided with mine as chairman of the National Coal Board. We got to know each other well.

He was a shrewd union negotiator, but I also found him to be a warm-hearted enthusiast. He tried hard to avoid the strikes of 1972 and 1974. He willingly accepted the principle that the industry had to succeed so that the mineworkers could benefit.

The four or five years after the 1974 strike were a good period for coal. Supply and demand were roughly in balance, productivity improved and the industry made operating profits. Nonetheless, the NUM continued to put in excessively high wage demands and these led to difficult negotiations.

At the NCB we developed a tactic for fixing limits to which our negotiators could go and then leaving a small amount in reserve which I could offer as a last stage.

On one occasion Gormley came to my office for this final negotiation. We quickly settled and I thought he would go back to announce the result.

Instead he said that he could not possibly return after such a short interval. He would have to wait for at least 20 minutes to show that he had had a very tough argument. "So let's have a drink and talk about the weather," he said.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK EZRA,
House of Lords.
June 8.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Stonehenge versus traffic needs

From Professor D. R. Harris, President of the Prehistoric Society

Sir, Dr Paul Ashbee's concern (letter, June 4) at the "protracted silence of the archaeological bodies ... regarding the further butchery of Stonehenge's supportive landscape" ignores the strong representations this society, and other organisations, are making to the Department of Transport.

That department should be congratulated on the new spirit of consultation, in which it has invited comments on possible routes for the A303. Our council has considered the department's proposals and has concluded that neither of the main alternative routes is archaeologically acceptable.

The department's brochure says the essential problem is the increase in traffic. However, we see a more fundamental problem. We believe that archaeology should be the overriding consideration. Each of the proposed routes will inflict unacceptable damage on a rich and irreplaceable archaeological landscape.

Nor can the scheme be sensibly considered in isolation from the English Heritage-National Trust initiatives, particularly their proposal to close the A344 — which passes even closer to Stonehenge on the north side — and the proposed new visitor centre.

The coincidence of the A303 and English Heritage schemes provides an opportunity to take an imaginative, long-term view about the conservation of Stonehenge and its surrounding archaeological landscape. We should seize this opportunity to create a national archaeology park that will ensure the preservation — and appreciation — of Stonehenge in its setting. If this necessitates a return to the drawing board for the Department of Transport, so be it.

Our descendants will not forgive us if we lose this unique opportunity to preserve and enhance this national treasure.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. HARRIS,
President, The Prehistoric Society,
Institute of Archaeology,
University College London,
31-34 Gordon Square, WC1.
June 9.

Sunday trading

From Dr Michael Schluter

Sir, To remove any doubts about attitudes to Sunday trading (report, June 1) Keep Sunday Special (KSS) and the Retailers for Shops Act Reform (RSAR) have so far had almost identical proposals. One significant difference is that RSAR, whose option the government has included, wants to see all shops able to open for four Sundays before Christmas. Yet this amendment to the KSS option could easily have been introduced at the committee stage of the bill.

The other difference is protection for all shop workers, including those in Scotland, and a guarantee of double time for Sunday work in retailing. Already 259 MPs have indicated their support for the KSS model.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL SCHLUTER
(Director, Keep Sunday Special Campaign),
Jubilee House,
3 Hooper Street, Cambridge.
June 1.

Task for British Jews

From the Earl of Selborne

Sir, If Jews in Britain are an anxious community ["One family of God", June 3) it is in part because they are held to be associated with the policies of successive Israeli governments. This is clearly unreasonable, but British Jews would command wide respect if they campaigned for an equitable solution to the Palestinian problem.

The Arab population in Israel is surely entitled to own and farm land without threat of confiscation. This right is denied to many Arab communities. British Jews must seek to persuade the Israeli people that rational security cannot be achieved by denying the rights of a minority.

Yours faithfully,
SELBORNE,
House of Lords.

Out of control

From Mrs Vera Posner

Sir, The adage that you cannot fool all of the people all of the time has been confounded by the kitchen-unit manufacturers. Having recently, through moving house, acquired an ultra-modern kitchen, I had it altered to incorporate an old-fashioned, walk-in pantry, lined with shelves. No longer do I need to spend my days either down on my knees or up a ladder in order to reach into tiny cupboards.

Modern kitchen units cater for a population who believe aesthetic appearance to be more important than practicality, and many present-day commodities have followed the same irritating trend — e.g., the elimination of controls on television sets. How sad.

Yours faithfully,
V. POSNER,
39 Moor Crescent, Gosforth,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
June 14: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a luncheon party for the Knights Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Princess of Wales and The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present.

The following had the honour of being invited: Sir Cennydd Traherne, the Earl Waldegrave and the Lady Forteviot, the Earl and Countess of Longford, the Lord Shackleton and the Hon Mrs Bergel, the Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Lord and Lady Wilson of Rievaulx, the Duke and Duchess of Grafton, the Lord and Lady Hunt, the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Lewin, the Lord and Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, the Marquis and Marchioness of Normanby, the Lord and Lady Carrington, the Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the Viscount Leverhulme and the Hon Mrs Heber-Percy, the Lord and Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, Field Marshal the Lord Bramall and the Lady Bramall, the Rt Hon Sir Edward Heath MP, the Viscount and Viscountess Ridley, the Lord and Lady Sainsbury of Preston Candover, the Bishop of Winchester (Prelate), the Dean of Windsor (Register), Dr Conrad Swan (Garter), Admiral Sir Richard Thomas (Black Rod), Mr Hubert Chesshyre (Secretary), Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Mather (Secretary, Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood), Mr James Bowes-Lyon (Page of Honour), Mr Rory Penn (Page of Honour) and Earl of Mornington (Page of Honour to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother).

A Service was held in St George's Chapel this afternoon.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
July 14: The Princess Royal, Patron, Crucial Crew Project, this morning attended the Crucial Crew event, Ritchie Camp, Kirknewton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Lothian (the Earl of Morton).

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended a dinner on board HMS Amazon, Pool of London, London EC3.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Royal Ballet, this afternoon left Royal Air Force Northolt to visit Paris and was received at Northolt by Mr Richard Narich (Minister-Counsellor, French Embassy).

Mrs Jane Stevens and Major the Lord Napier and Ettrick are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 14: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, London Orpheus Choir, today received Mr Colin Evans, Chairman and Mr James Gaddarn, Conductor of the Choir.

Birthdays today

Sir Thomas Armstrong, former principal, Royal Academy of Music, 95; Mr Richard Baker, broadcaster, 68; Mr Simon Callow, actor, 44; Sir Tim Chessells, former chairman, North East Thames Regional Health Authority, 52; Miss Mary Ellis, actress and singer, 93; Sir John Fretwell, diplomat, 63; Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert, 62; Mr John Harrison, governor, Canterbury Prison, 50; the Most Rev Trevor Huddleston, president, Anti-Apartheid Movement, 80; Mr John Humphries, former chairman, Water Space Amenity Commission, 68; Mr Frank Jordan, former chief constable, Kent, 63; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Michael Llewellyn, Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan, 72; Admiral Sir Charles Madden, 87; Mr J.S. Morrison, former president, Wolfson College, Cambridge, 80; Lord Murray, 71; Major-General Sir John Nelson, 81; Dr David Newsome, former master, Wellington College, 64; Mr Geoffrey Parsons, concert accompanist, 64; Mr John Redwood, MP, 42; Miss M.F. Rudland, headmistress, Godolphin and Latymer School, 48; Sir Ninian Stephen, former Governor General of Australia, 70; Mr Tom Taaffe, jockey, 30.

The Bristol Society

The Lord-Lieutenant of Avon, Sir John Wills, Bt, the Bishop of Bristol and the Chancellor of The University of the West of England were present at a Lecture given for the Society at The University last night. The Speaker was Sir Alastair Morton, Group Chief Executive of Eurotunnel. Mr St John Hartnell, Chairman of the Society, presided. The University of the West of England and KPMG Peat Marwick hosted a supper afterwards.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will open the new golf clubhouse at Turnberry Hotel, Ayrshire, at 11.35.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, will attend the annual conference at the New Connaught Rooms at 10.50.

The Duke of Kent, as trustee, will attend a trustees meeting at the Science Museum Wroughton, Red Barn Gate, Swindon, at 10.00.

Princess Alexandra, as Vice President of the British Red Cross Society, will attend a reception and dinner given by the Edinburgh branch at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 7.15.

Bryanston School

Junior Scholarships have been awarded to the following (in alphabetical order):

Academic: Bridget Farrell, Headfort; Tristram Grevatt, Wolborough Hill; Jack Hobhouse, Abberley Hall; Toby Jacobs, The Hall; Amy Publicover, Windlesham House; William Rowlands-Rees, Windlesham House; Jean-Philippe Sugarbroad, Port Regis.

Art: Benedict Goldsmith, The Mall.

Music: Joanna Griffin, Thorngrove; Hugh James, Port Regis; Leila Jundi, Durlston Court; Benjamin Moxham, Clayesmore Preparatory School; Briony Turner, The Prebendal School.

In addition, Richard Hunter Bursaries have been awarded to: Leonie Baird, Highfield; Andrew Rowe, Port Regis.

Glamorgan County Cricket Club

At a short ceremony at Fosters Oval Cricket Ground on Saturday, June 12, 1993, the Captain, Mr Hugh Morris, presented Sir Harry Secombe, OBE, with a memento to mark his election as an honorary life vice president of the club.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Lung power: Richard McNicol, right, watches as Carly Reddington, 8, blows a horn with Jonathan Lipton of the London Symphony Orchestra. Carly, at school in Muswell Hill, north London, was at the Barbican yesterday to help celebrate Mr McNicol's appointment as music animateur to the LSO where he will strengthen its educational work

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward the "Black Prince", Woodstock, Oxfordshire, 1330; Thomas Randolph, poet and dramatist, Daventry, 1605; Sidney Godolphin, 1st Earl of Godolphin, statesman, Helston, Cornwall, baptised this day, 1645; Hablot K. Browne (Phiz), illustrator, Kennington, 1815; Edvard Grieg, composer, Bergen, Norway, 1843; Ion Antonescu, Romanian dictator, Pitesti, 1882; Harry Langdon, silent film comedian, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1884; Yuri Andropov, General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party 1982-84, Nagutskaya, Russia, 1914.

DEATHS: Wat Tyler, leader of the Peasants' Revolt, executed, London, 1381; Thomas Campbell, poet, Boulogne, 1844; James Polk, 11th American President 1845-49, Nashville, Tennessee, 1849; Mihail Eminescu, poet, Bucharest, 1889; Charles Francis Bush, inventor of the arc lamp, Cleveland, Ohio, 1929; Percy George Herbert Fender, Surrey and England cricketer, Exeter, 1985.

At Runnymede, near Windsor, King John set his seal on Magna Carta, 1215.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Lord Grey of Naunton, Grand President of the Royal Over-Seas League, attended a meeting of the discussion circle held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Sir John Wilson, Senior Consultant to the United Nations Development Programme and Chairman of the UK Impact Foundation, was the speaker. Mr Peter McEntee, chairman of the league's council, presided.

Lecture

Byron Society
Professor Jerome McGann of Virginia University, United States, delivered a lecture to the Byron Society yesterday at the Royal Institution of Great Britain. Mr Michael Foot, chairman, and Mr Andrew Lockett, Editor of Oxford University Press, were among the other speakers. Lord Byron, President of the Byron Society, presided at a reception held earlier.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Adams and Miss K.M. Perryman
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.K. Adams, of Cerne Abbas, Dorset, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.D. Perryman, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr G. Elwes and Miss C.S. Maw
The engagement is announced between Gervase, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Elwes, of Elsham Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire, and Clare Suzanne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Maw, of 7 Vicarage Park, Appleby, South Humberside.

Mr I.J.H. Macbeth and Miss V.A. Marles
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of the late Mr and Mrs Douglas Macbeth, of Lydbury North, Shropshire, and Vivien, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Marles, of Knutsford, Cheshire.

Mr B.R.I. Nicholson and Miss D.S. Gehm
The engagement is announced between Brinsley, only son of the late Captain B.D. Nicholson, RNVR, and of Mrs E.M. Nicholson, of Godalming, Surrey, and Deborah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Gehm, of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Cleveland.

Mr G.M. Renouf and Miss K.E. Broadley
The engagement is announced between George, son of Dr and Mrs T.J. Renouf, of Musselburgh, East Lothian, and Karen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.L. Broadley, of Crawford, Lanarkshire.

Mr C.A. Roberts and Miss L.C. Martin
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Roberts, of Bournemouth, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.R. Martin, of Bournemouth, Dorset.

University news

Oxford
University prizes

Junior Paget Toynbee Prizes: Luisa Nitrato-Izzo, Charles Heppleston, Louisa Mackenzie, Henrietta Hughes and Auriol Miller.

Geoffrey Hill Spray Prize in Clinical Biochemistry 1993: Raj Mumar Mohindra, Lady Margaret Hall.

Chancellor's Prize for Latin Verse 1993: Christopher John Burnand, St John's College.

Chancellor's English Essay Prize 1993: Honourably mentioned: Tristan Charles Johnson Elbrick, Brasenose College.

Sir Roger Newdigate's Prize for English Verse 1993: Caron Amanda Rohsler, Magdalen College.

Magdalen College
To an Official Fellowship: Dr John Nightingale as Tutor in Medieval History for five years from October 1.

To a Fixed Term Fellowship: Thomas Tarver as the Andrew and Randall Crawley Fellow in the History of the Ancient World for five years from October 1.

Merton College
To Postmasterships: Miss J.C. Harris, formerly of Silverdale School; P.E. McLoughlin, formerly of The King's School, Macclesfield; A.G.J. Touloungi, formerly of Warwick School.

To an Exhibition: M.R. Brewer, formerly of St Edward's School, Oxford.

New College
Karen Leeder has been pre-elected to an Official Fellowship in German from October 1.

Official Solicitor

Peter Harris to be the Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court in succession to David Venables who is retiring on July 31.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London
Mr Neville Shulman, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at the annual meeting and luncheon held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel.

Locked desk holds key to £39,000 sale

By John Shaw

AN ancient invoice found in a locked attic desk took the price of a pair of torchère stands worth £5,000 to £39,600 at the sale of contents from Hinton House at Phillips in Bath yesterday.

The invoice was from George Bullock, one of the most important furniture makers and designers of the regency period. He had made the flat-topped stands, which would have been used to hold a candelabrum, for Samuel Day, an ancestor of the current owners of the house at Hinton Charterhouse near Bath, Avon.

Bullock's invoice (for 18 guineas) had been put with other family papers in the drawer of a secretaire cabinet which had been moved into the attic, where it stayed for years.

By a stroke of good luck, a few days before the auction saleroom staff drilled out the drawer lock and found the papers. As the family went through them they discovered the invoice which was dated June 18, 1814.

Looking at the stands closely, Phillips staff noted that they were stamped Bullock on each leg. A pre-sale estimate was swiftly revised to £25,000-£30,000 before the auction and they went to the London trade for £39,600.

Hinton House has been the home of the Robertson-Glasgow family since 1846 and was one of the few in the district to have been in the continuous ownership of the same family for so long. The auction, estimated to make about £100,000, brought in a total of £170,389.

Archaeology

Peat company to finance work on ancient forest

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

ONE of Britain's largest peat extraction companies has agreed to pay for research on a Bronze Age forest uncovered near Doncaster. Hundreds of trees up to 40ft long have been exposed by mechanical stripping, and may answer questions about ancient land-use practices.

Fisons are providing "a substantial contribution towards fieldwork costs" at Thorne Moors, the last surviving lowland raised bog in eastern England, according to *British archaeological news*. The concession follows local concern and pressure from Kevin Hughes, MP for Doncaster.

"Our work will explore the composition of the forest, which has been preserved by the growth of the raised mire in the later Bronze Age and Iron Age," Jim Symonds of Sheffield University said. Differences in spacing of the larger oak trees might suggest management of the woodland as rough pasture, something also indicated by the discovery of many charred trees, some of which may have been felled.

Mr Symonds also hopes that the Thorne Moors trees will help expand the tree-ring chronology which is proving increasingly important in archaeology by providing very precise dates for ancient events. The mixture of oak and pine trees may enable the existing oak-based chronology to be linked up with pine sequences in Ulster and north Germany.

News of the discoveries coincides with a campaign by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Plantlife for a halt to developments which damage important peatlands. Their report *Out of the Mire* identifies raised bogs as "one of the rarest and most threatened wildlife habitats in Europe".

Latest wills

Mr Brian Farmer MacCabe, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, late chairman of FCB International, and a finalist in the 800 metres at the Berlin Olympics in 1936, left estate valued at £2,117,691 net.
He left £5,000 each to the National Star Centre for Disabled Youth, the National Advertising Benevolent Society, Treloar Trust, British Polio Fellowship, Action for Blind People, Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind and British Deaf Association, and £2,000 to St Teresa's Catholic Church, Beaconsfield.

Dr Peter James Palmer Whitehead, of Didcot, Oxfordshire, the ichthyologist at the Fish Section of the British Museum and a senior scientific officer, left estate valued at £114,945 net.

Mr Peter Francis Orchard, of Little Hallingbury, Essex, late chairman of the De La Rue Group, the currency printing company, left estate valued at £674,218 net.
He left £5,000 each to the Worshipful Company of Drapers, and St Gregory's Charitable Trust, of Downside Abbey, Bath.

Mr Anthony Edward Welch, of Southwold, Suffolk, retired civil servant, left estate valued at £701,848 net.
He left £5,000 and some effects to personal legatees, £20,000 to St Andrews Church, Walberswick, £10,000 to the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, and the resident to St Joseph's Hospice, London E8.

Mr Richard Matthews, of Clacton on Sea, Essex, retired holiday park proprietor, left estate valued at £1,700,718 net.

Mr Peter Westcott Setten, of Leintwardine, Hereford and Worcester, left estate valued at £3,334,710 net.
He left £2,000 and some effects to the National Trust, £1,000 each to the RSPB and RNLI, and the remainder of his estate mostly to his wife.

Irene Lilian, Baroness Grenfell, of London SE23, left estate valued at £190,118 net.

Mr Vernon Eversfield Morgan, of Pendean, Midhurst, West Sussex, sports editor at Reuters 1933-68 and who competed in the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic steeplechase, left estate valued at £145,343 net.

Mr Linley Wightman Shaw, of London NW3, left estate valued at £1,686,467 net.
He left his entire estate to his executor to set up a charity to use most or all of the income to help those bodies which organise voluntary workers into tidying up and beautifying the countryside of the United Kingdom.

Mr Maurice Ivor Forsyth-Grant, of Whitney on Wye, Hereford and Worcester, the electronic engineer who had a radical impact on the world of English organ-building, left £905,310 net.
He left his books on the history of organ construction, organ music and magazines and periodicals to York University music library. 28/29ths of his residuary estate variously to personal legatees, and 1/29th equally between the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, Musicians' Benevolent Fund, Cats Protection League, RNLI, RAF Benevolent Fund and NSPCC.

Winifred Muriel Garr, of New Malden, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,061,774 net.
She left £1,000 to the New Victoria Hospital, Kingston upon Thames, £21,500, an annuity of £600, effects and 1/5th of the residue to personal legatees, and half the residue to the British Red Cross Society, and 3/20ths of the residue each to the PDSA and the YMCA, Leicester.

Mr Colin Arthur Howard, of Tottington, Greater Manchester, left estate valued at £759,950 net.

Other estates include, net before tax:

Mr Maurice Edward Behar, of London SW3 .... £1,288,572
Mrs Florence Bourne, of Nantwich, Cheshire £1,061,416
Mrs Doris Champniss, of Harrow on the Hill, West London. £638,711
Margaret Joyce Gilbert, of Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire £578,587
Mrs Edna Alice Hursthouse, of Nottingham £1,600,744
Mrs Elizabeth Ann Eleanor Jones, of Carmarthen, Dyfed £619,428
Mr William George Lance, of Westcliff on Sea, Essex £659,197
Mr Frederick Joseph Packer, of Orpington, Kent £833,017
Mr Leonard Osmond Pound, of Sevenoaks, Kent £510,539
Mr Sidney Charles William Turner, of Bromley, Kent £585,213
Mr Reginald William Ward Upchurch, of Colchester, Essex £582,347
Mr Derek Armstrong Parsley, of Stamford, Lincolnshire ... £559,304
Mrs Muriel Constance Rhodes, of Hayle, Cornwall £741,106
Mrs Barbara Kathleen Scrutton, of London E11 .... £559,471
Mr Arthur Woodward, of Chapel St Leonards, Lincolnshire £1,788,428

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But someone may say: 'One chooses faith, another action.' To which I reply: 'Show me this faith with no actions to prove it, while I by my actions will prove to you my faith.'
James 2 : 18

BIRTHS

BETTS - On 12th June, to Hannah (née Tustain) and Andrew, a son, James Edward Rayner, a brother for William, Alice and Tom.

FORBES - On 11th June 1993, to Andrew and Jane (née Dunbar-Nasmith), a son, David, a brother for Anna, James and Isabel.

GAUNT - On June 7th at the Wellington Hospital, to Karen (née Dubiner) and Peter, a daughter, Rebecca Emily Louise, a beautiful sister for Joshua.

GODFREY-EVANS - On 9th June, to Wendy (née King) and Peter, a daughter, Kathryn Victoria.

GRACE - On June 9th, to Sara Jane (née Christopherson) and Dominic, a son, Rupert Dominic, a brother for George.

GULLIVER - On June 8th, to Philippa (née Doubleday) and Jonathan, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth.

HIRST - On June 11th 1993, to Fiona (née Tyser) and Jonathan, a son, Charles John.

IDE - On June 6th to Katherine (née Tipple) and Julian, a son Augustus Alexander Willis, a brother for Frederick.

KENNEY - On June 13th 1993, to Christiane (née Hohmeister) and Michael, a son, Crispin William John, a brother for Camilla and Annabel.

LAING - To Sarah (née Hopkins) and Marcus, on 10th June, a daughter, Alice Elisabeth.

LI - On June 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine (née Thirlwall) and Francis, a lovely son, Francis Junior, a brother for Caroline.

MEEK - On 12th June at St Thomas' Hospital, to Sophie (née Hutchinson) and Nigel, a son, Thomas Alexander.

MITCHELL - On June 11th 1993, to Clare (née Marsh) and Weston, a son, Benjamin James.

MOON - On June 11th 1993, to Belinda (née Richardson) and Benedict, a daughter, Florence Isabella Rose.

OLDENBURG - On June 14th, to Friedrich and Binny, a daughter, a sister for Daisy and Alice.

BIRTHS

POYSDEN - On June 11th, to Jacqueline and Mark, a daughter, Thea Dorothy, a sister to Emily.

ROOPE - On June 4th, to Nicola (née Heard) and Ged, a daughter, Isobel Margaret, a sister for Nicholas.

SAKKALLI - On June 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Karen (née Hammerson) and Michael, a daughter, Cristobel Louisa Danielle, a sister for Rupert.

THOMPSON - On Thursday 10th June, to Christine and Robin, a son, William Scott Eccles, a brother to Felicity.

WHALEN - On June 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary (née Ledeger) and Patrick, a son, James, weighed 7lbs and 8¼oz.

ZEMAN - On 19th May, in Oxford, to Adam and Rebecca (née Aylward), Flora Francesca Mary, a sister for Natalya.

MARRIAGES

WATERHOUSE:MUSE - On 6th June in Arizona, Davina to Garry.

DEATHS

AKEROYD - On Monday 14th June 1993, at home after a long illness, Dr. Alan Akeroyd, dearly loved husband and father. Funeral Service at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, Watford, on Monday 21st June 1993 at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors, No.28, 17 Leyton Road, Harpenden, Herts. tel: (0582) 712865.

ALDINGTON - On June 10th aged 90, Allen Aldington OBE, FPS, FRSH of North Bradley, Wilts. and formerly of London. Peacefully at home after a long illness. Dearly loved husband of Joan and father of Lesley. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Church Lane, North Bradley, at 2.30 pm on June 17th. Family flowers only donations to the Leonard Cheshire Family Support Service (Trowbridge) c/o FD. D.J. Bewley, 49 Roundponds, Melksham, Wilts., SN12 8DW.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On 8th June, Richard Francis, much loved husband of Cynthia and father of Kathryn and Diane. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Eversley, Hampshire on Wednesday 16th June at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation, c/o Geo. Parker & Sons, Funeral Directors, 113 Reading Road, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey GU17 7LR.

BARRETT - On 13th June 1993, peacefully at home, Colin Somerville aged 87, dearly loved father of Marilyn and grandfather of Sam and Benedict. Funeral Service at Christchurch, Shamley Green, on Friday 18th June at 11.45 am, followed by private cremation.

BLENNERHASSETT - His Hon. Frank Q.C. on Sunday June 13th at home. Service of Thanksgiving at Hampton in Arden Church 12 noon Friday June 18th. Family flowers only.

CAMPBELL - Una J Campbell, in Cambridge, on June 11th 1993. Beloved wife of the late Donald Campbell, elder daughter of Dr. George Philip, late Director of Education for Ross and Cromarty. Funeral on Friday 18th June at 10.30 am at Great Shelford Parish Church, near Cambridge, followed by interment in Scotland.

COCK - On 10th June 1993, suddenly at home, Lancelot Kenneth Cock aged 87. Honorary Master of Wine, B.A. Father of Simon, Anthony and Joanna and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service to be held at St Paul's Church, Woldingham, on Wednesday 23rd June at 2.15 pm. Memorial Service to be announced later.

COOTE - On June 11th 1993, suddenly at home, John Oldham. Beloved husband of Sylvia and father of Judy, Anna and Belinda and loving grandfather. Funeral at St Luke's, Linch, on Monday 21st June at 12 noon. No flowers please, donations if desired to K.G.F.S., 1 Chesham Street, SW1X 8NF. Memorial Service to be arranged.

COWARD - On June 12th at Lympstone, Devon, after a short illness bravely borne, Jean, aged 85. Wife of the late Alan Coward, formerly of Burpham. Funeral at St Edward's Church, Sutton Park, Guildford, on Monday June 21st at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations to Architects Benevolent Fund, c/o Crews and Son, Tower Street, Exmouth EX8 1NT.

DONNISON - On June 11th peacefully and within three weeks of his 98th birthday at The Old Vicarage, Moulsford, Vernon Donnison C.B.E., I.C.S., devoted husband of the late Ruth Seruya. Cremation at Headington Crematorium, Oxford, on Thursday June 17th at 11.30 am. No flowers, donations if wished to Friends of the Elderly, The Old Vicarage, Moulsford, Oxon. OX10 9JB.

EVANS - On June 11th 1993, at Bungay, Suffolk, Katherine Mary Louise "Mollie" (née Preston), aged 93, widow of the late Lt. Col. Harold George Muir Evans. Funeral at All Hallows Convent, Ditchingham, near Bungay, on Thursday June 17th at 11 am.

FARRAR-BELL - On June 12th, at home, Michael Charles, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Haddenham, on Friday June 18th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Mary's Church Restoration Fund, c/o J Buswell Esq, 1 The Croft Cottage, The Croft, Haddenham, Aylesbury, HP17 8AS.

GILL - On June 10th, peacefully at home, Doris Frances, dearly beloved wife of Geoffrey, mother of Raymond and doting grandmother of Abigail, Elizabeth and Jacquie. Cremation Randalls Park, Leatherhead, Friday June 18th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to The Lucis Trust, Suite 54, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EF.

HAMILTON - On 11th June 1993, peacefully at home, Stuart Douglas, surrounded by his beautiful garden which he shared with his life long friend and companion Michael Goulding. Dear brother to Audrey Groves. Uncle to Charles and Richard Groves. Liveryman of the Merchant Taylors Company. Member of Lloyds. Funeral Wednesday 23rd June at 2pm at Broxbourne Church, Hertfordshire, followed by private cremation. Orange and red flowers only to the Church.

JACK - On 12th June, Charlotte Jack, with great courage and patience, wife of the late Evan Jack, much loved mother and grandmother. Service of cremation at Chelmsford Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd June at noon.

KEHOE - Mary and Connolly Hannah. Religious of the Sacred Heart. R.I.P. June 13th 1993. Enquiries: De Cheme House, tel: (081) 878-8282.

LUCAS - On June 14th, Irene (Phippa) Lucas O.B.E. peacefully at The Dorchester Nursing Home, beloved widow of Hoodie and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, in her 98th year. Funeral at St George's Church, Fordington, Dorchester, Dorset, on Friday 18th June at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to S.S.A.F.A. (Dorset) c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, tel: (0305) 262338.

McKECHNIE - On Saturday June 12th, suddenly and peacefully at home, Lieutenant Colonel D.I.A. McKechnie, late Royal Artillery, aged 73 years. Darling husband of Mavis, dearly loved father of Lindsey, Michael and Carolyn and loving grandfather of Anna, Nicholas, Adeline, Kim, Jeremy, Mark and Philip. Funeral at St James' Church, Nayland, on Saturday 19th June at 11 am followed by an interment at St Mary's Church, Wiston. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Army Benevolent Fund c/o W.H. Shephard Funeral Directors, 95 High Street, Colchester CO1 1DU.

MUSGRAVE - In hospital in Edinburgh on June 13th 1993, Margaret, beloved wife of the late James P. Musgrave M.A., M.I.C.E., of Windermere and Halifax and dearly loved mother of Anna and Felicity. Funeral private.

POLAN - On 12th June 1993, peacefully at Edenhall, Mabel. Loving wife of Rudolf and beloved mother of Brenda, Antony and Sonia. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium Thursday 17th June at 10.45 am. Flowers to J.H Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, NW3 2PN.

REID - On June 13th 1993 unexpectedly in his sleep at home in Monewden, Suffolk, Alan, aged 81 years. Much beloved husband of the late Margaret and father of Colin, Diana, David, Keith and Andrew and grandfather of thirteen. Service of Thanksgiving and interment of ashes at Monewden Church, Suffolk, at 3.30 pm on Friday 18th June following a private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to British Diabetic Association c/o E.B. Button & Sons Ltd., 24 St Johns Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1EB.

ROBINSON - On June 12th 1993, unexpectedly but peacefully, Arthur Donald (Don) of Hickleton, South Yorkshire. Much loved husband of Doreen, father of Sarah and Nancy, father-in-law of Rob and Graham and grandpa of Fiona and Olivia. Funeral Service at St Wilfred's Church, Hickleton, on Monday June 21st at 2pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Intensive Care Unit, Kent & Sussex Hospital, Royal Tunbridge Wells. Enquiries W. Hyde & Son, Barnsley. (0226) 282304.

RUNCIMAN - Dowager Viscountess, Katharine (Kay), widow of Second Viscount Runciman, peacefully, at home, on 14th June 1993, in her 91st year. Funeral private.

WALLING - On June 3rd 1993, in hospital at Dolgellau, Gwynedd, aged 74 years, Sqn. Ldr. Norman Walling. Dear brother of Cyril and Jean, Australia. Public funeral service at Bangor Crematorium on Wednesday June 16th at 3.30 pm. No flowers. Donations in lieu gratefully received towards R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. Enquiries to Glyn Rees & Son Funeral Directors, Dinas Mawddwy tel: (0650) 531240 or Dolgellau tel: (0341) 422322.

WHITCOMB - On June 11th 1993, Noel Bernard, dearly loved husband of Sally, devoted father of Kate. Cremation private. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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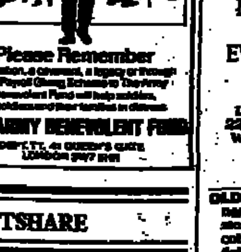
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OBITUARIES

ALEC HORSLEY

Alec Horsley, founder and life president of Northern Foods, died on June 11 aged 90. He was born on September 1, 1902.

ALEC HORSLEY, the creator of one of Britain's most successful companies, was a highly unusual businessman. A consistent campaigner for left-wing and pacifist causes, he was far more at home on a CND march or at a *New Statesman* birthday celebration than he ever was among his fellow tycoons.

He was a generous contributor to various lost causes — being one of the principal investors in the ill-fated *News on Sunday* (of which a son was chairman) — and played his full part on what he and his friend Kingsley Martin would have called "the progressive wing of the Labour party". (Although never a particular admirer of Hugh Gaitskell or Harold Wilson, he was close to both Aneurin Bevan and Michael Foot.) In terms of the ability to make money combined with socialist conviction, the nearest parallel to him would probably have to be Sidney Bernstein, who died earlier this year — although, given that Horsley's principal interest was always world peace, a closer comparison might be with the late American steel magnate, Cyrus Eaton, founder of the Pugwash conferences.

Alec Stewart Horsley was born of Methodist stock in Ripley, Derbyshire. He went to school at St George's, Harpenden, going from there to Worcester College, Oxford, where he read mathematics. Immediately on coming down from the university — in an echo (conscious or not) of Leonard Woolf 20 years earlier — he joined the Colonial Service. He was to spend seven years in West Africa before returning to England in 1932 in order to get married.

His first move as an entrepreneur was to join his father who owned a small wholesale business in Hull, selling Dutch condensed milk to the confectionery industry in the North of England. After four years, however, he broke free of parental constraints and in 1937 established his own plant manufacturing condensed milk at Holme-on-Spalding Moor near York. He swiftly built up a successful and substantial dairy business, which eventually stretched down from the North to the Midlands reaching out as well to North Wales and even Northern Ireland.



At first known as Northern Dairies, the company changed its name to Northern Foods in 1972 (it had become a public company in 1956). By the 1970s it had extended its interests to the cake, biscuit and chilled prepared food markets — being one of the largest suppliers to both Marks and Spencer and J. Sainsbury. Today Northern Foods is the largest fresh food manufacturer in Britain with sales of over £2,000 million and profits of over £150 million. It exists very much as its founder's monument — Horsley may have retired from the chairmanship in 1970, being succeeded in turn by his son and son-in-law — but he remained an active member of the board until 1987.

No one who ever worked with him would be disposed to deny that he was a man who made his presence felt. He was a rugged individualist in the great Nonconformist tradition. Always ready to challenge the Establishment in the realm of public affairs, in business he tended to be an autocratic leader prepared to brook very little disagreement with his own views. His confident belief in the inherent wisdom of any strategy he proposed could make difficulties for his colleagues; but if he was a despot, he was certainly a benign one, who characteristically maintained a strong interest in the welfare of his employees well after he had formally retired.

In a firm now employing some 30,000 people — and with necessarily a growing number of pensioners — his influence was by no means a negligible one. Up to the moment of his death he was an active leader of the company's welfare movement.

Horsley was, however, much more than simply an enlightened businessman — there have been others of those who never displayed his depth of political commitment. Throughout his life, he was a passionate supporter of radical causes and an unflinching defender of minorities. He campaigned against the Spanish fascists before the war and was an active member of Sir Richard Acland's Commonwealth party during the war.

Around this time, Horsley became a Quaker and he remained a stalwart member of the Hull Friends Meeting until the end of his life. He served as a Labour member on the city council in the late 1940s and was Sheriff of Hull in 1954.

He was a dedicated campaigner for peace and was one of the first to visit Communist China in the early 1950s with a church delegation. He was a founder member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in the late 1950s. Even in his eighties he could frequently be seen carrying out lonely vigils for peace at the Cenotaph in Hull.

His business and campaigning achievements were recognised by both Hull and Bradford universities awarding him honorary degrees, and by his old Oxford college, Worcester, making him an honorary fellow.

He was married for over 60 years to Susan, who survives him. He also leaves three sons and two daughters.

NOEL WHITCOMB

Noel Whitcomb, newspaper columnist who brought the high life to millions, died on June 11 aged 73. He was born on Christmas Day, 1919.

FOR more than 30 years Noel Whitcomb was one of the most famous journalists in Britain. At one point his column appeared every day in the *Daily Mirror*, while he contributed with equal success to several women's magazines.

His picture was displayed on buses and hoardings all over the country with the slogan "Buy the *Daily Mirror* and go gay with Noel" — the times were more innocent then — and at the height of the *Mirror*'s circulation more than five million people did that every day. He also founded and organisd the *Daily Mirror* Punters' Club and was responsible for bringing on-course experience of racing to many thousands who had never been to a meeting before.

The Punters' Club provided the happiest phase of his career for, unknown to his readers, Whitcomb despised his style of journalism, disliked the *Mirror*'s Labour politics and claimed to hate his publicity. He maintained that he only worked for the *Mirror* because of the high salary — he was certainly one of the best-paid journalists in Fleet Street — and his legendary expenses.

He once explained: "From the time I joined the *Daily Mirror* at ten guineas a week in the mid-1940s to the time in the late 1970s when the paper was paying out well over £150,000 a year to cushion my life from needless discomfort, and thereby ensure my continuing loyalty, I always felt that part of the money was compensation for living in a goldfish bowl." His verdict was that "most of the columns I wrote were as shallow as a puddle".

Whitcomb began his journalistic career with the cinema trade press during the war. After joining the *Mirror* as a general reporter he made his name with a typical tabloid story of the time: the discovery of a talking dog that appeared to speak well enough for the story to be followed up by all the rival papers.

Soon he had his own column and was mixing with the great and the famous. Unlike many columnists — he hated to be called a gossip columnist — he actually was on reasonably intimate terms with many of the subjects of his articles. He really did take the Shah of Iran night-clubbing in Rome, he certainly advised Herbert Morrison personally about the Festival of Britain of 1951 and there is good reason to believe his claim that he was instrumental in the career switch which took Noël Coward to the Café de Paris and on to Las Vegas.

His most envied exclusive, however, came from one of the great romances of the 1950s when the youthful Jimmy Goldsmith, now Sir James Goldsmith, eloped with Isabel Patino, daughter of a Bolivian tin millionaire. Whitcomb had come to know the couple in Paris and when Patino forbade his daughter to marry she fled to London, was sheltered first in Whitcomb's house and then went into hiding in Scotland, where Whitcomb proudly helped to stage-manage their secret wedding.

His career, and his salary, moved steadily upwards until he was involved in a serious traffic accident after he had left his Paris hotel (which, typically, was the Ritz). It was thought he would never recover completely and he was offered a post on the Mirror Group's women's magazines. Only a few months later, however, he was well enough to be reassigned to the *Mirror*, though he was still writing for *Woman and Home*, for instance, more than 20 years later.

Now he was sent abroad on big international stories but not enough to satisfy him. "More often I was wearing the old top hat and watching the tiaras go by," he complained in his autobiography. He was, therefore, delighted to be offered a transfer to the old IPC pre-Murdoch *Sun* which had been created by the Mirror Group from the ruins of the loss-making *Daily Herald*. Whitcomb spent five years there, satisfied to be writing three times a week for a more up-market paper.

As the 1960s ended, however, the IPC *Sun* sank and Whitcomb was recalled to the *Mirror*. Bored with the prospect of years more of gala celebrations and royal weddings he had his great inspiration: a club for racing people who did not go racing. Intended as a mild circulation booster, the success of the Punters Club amazed *Mirror* executives.

Its inauguration was pure Whitcomb — in the ballroom of the Dorchester Hotel, with



the Duke of Devonshire and other senior stewards of the Jockey Club present, and a letter of encouragement from the Queen Mother.

Soon there were 200,000 members. The club took punters by coachloads and trainloads to courses all over Britain. It gave ordinary readers the chance to experience the grandstand and Tattersalls, and the original misgivings of some leading racing figures were overcome as the punters arrived, properly dressed, prepared to enjoy a day out and, incidentally, spend a great deal of money. At one late summer Ascot meeting there was even a Punters' Club special enclosure — and that at the suggestion of the late Duke of Norfolk. The club started to own horses, first in Whitcomb's name and then in the name of the club when racing's rules changed. The punters went abroad — to Longchamps, to Bombay, to Caracas. At its peak there were 600,000 members.

Then Robert Maxwell arrived at the *Mirror*. He told Whitcomb he was costing the paper a million pounds a year. Whitcomb protested, disputed the figures, pointed out the club's publicity value to the paper but then decided not to argue. He wound up the club, completed his contract and retired. On the day he left he paper the doorman called out as usual: "Goodnight, Mr Whitcomb". But, as Whitcomb pointed out, nobody said goodbye.

He is survived by his wife Sally — they married in 1947 when they were both working on the *Mirror* — and by their daughter Kate.

DEKE SLAYTON

Donald Kent Slayton, American astronaut, died of brain cancer at his home in League City, Texas, on June 13 aged 69. He was born in Sparta, Wisconsin, on March 1, 1924.

DEKE SLAYTON was one of the seven original astronauts in the American space programme and took part in the rendezvous in space between US and Soviet Spacecraft in 1975. By the time he made that journey Slayton was 51 years old and the oldest astronaut ever to participate in a space flight.

As one of the original "Mercury 7," picked by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1959 to pioneer manned flight in space, he had been scheduled to make the second orbital mission in 1962. But the detection of a minor heart ailment caused him to be grounded, and the mission was flown by Scott Carpenter.

Bitterly disappointed, Slayton resigned from the Air Force. He had been a pilot since joining up after graduating from high school in 1942, had flown B-25's in 56 combat missions over Europe and seven over Japan, and served as a fighter pilot in Korea and as an experimental test pilot at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Now, it seemed, his flying career was over.

But Slayton was not giving up. He rejoined NASA as a civilian and became director of flight operations at the Johnson Space Centre. It was a role in which he probably exerted more influence over the American space programme than any other astronaut, becoming responsible for all astronaut training and selecting the crews for nearly every mission, including the moon landings.

Meanwhile the taciturn Slayton was working on his



own problem. He exercised daily, stopped smoking cigarettes and drinking coffee, and reduced his intake of alcohol drastically. By 1970 his heart fibrillation had ceased, and two years later he was restored to flight status by NASA, just in time to qualify for the last remaining seat on the Apollo-Soyuz mission. The historic US-Soviet link-up in space, yet to be repeated, resulted from an agreement between then President Richard Nixon and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin in May 1972. The mission involved extensive joint training and went almost without a hitch. Slayton, who had had to learn to speak Russian, flew the Apollo capsule as the two spacecraft docked and undocked and performed four crew exchanges and some 27 scientific experiments. The flight was only marred by the accidental release of nitrogen tetroxide gas into the American craft before landing. The crew were taken to hospital where Slayton was found to have a potentially dangerous lung condition.

His ambition satisfied, Slayton returned to managerial duties and directed early tests of the space shuttles. His stone-faced reserve was now mellowing, and asked before one mission what the astronauts would be doing until lift-off, he replied "I think they'll be goofing off."

Slayton retired from NASA in 1982 and joined Space Services, the first privately-financed space enterprise, becoming the company's president. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Mercury Seven foundation, which raises money for science scholarships.

Deke Slayton's first marriage ended in divorce; he is survived by his second wife and one son by his earlier marriage.

DAME JOYCE BISHOP

Dame Joyce Bishop, DBE, former headmistress of the Godolphin and Latymer School, London, died on June 7 aged 96. She was born in Birmingham on July 28, 1896.

JOYCE BISHOP was one of the leading figures in the development of this country's secondary school system. Her professional career spanned 45 years, from 1918 to 1963, 39 of them as a headmistress.

These were decades of rapid change — social, political and economic — during which the educational framework was subject to close examination. Between 1916 and 1943 proposals for reform were made in a series of official reports — Hadow (1926), Spens (1938), Beveridge (1942) and Norwood (1943) — and the Butler Act of 1944 brought about a fundamental re-appraisal of the administration and content of our national system of school education.

The heavy responsibilities for adaptation to these changes lay with the governing bodies, but consequential action lay with the headmasters or headmistresses; Joyce Bishop was among the most successful in her advice, guidance and leadership throughout her career.

There were further changes after her retirement; in 1965, the Labour government, under the aegis of Anthony Crosland and subsequently Shirley Williams, decided to reorganise the schools on comprehensive lines under local education authorities; appalled by the prospect of the loss of independence by governing bodies she entered the debate against these proposals, arguing on the basis of her lifetime of experience, and the comparative failure of comprehensive education elsewhere in the world.



Joyce Bishop was born in Birmingham into a happy family which, she claimed, gave her that secure foundation on which she built the firm guiding principles which endured througout her life — a strong Christian faith, complete integrity in thought and action, a sense of personal responsibility, belief in the importance of reasoned discipline as a prerequisite to self-discipline, and a deep understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of other people. These principles provided the basis of the multitude of friendships which enriched her life.

She went up to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, in 1915 before taking her first teaching post in the Hertfordshire and Essex High School in 1918. Her apprenticeship lasted only six years. At the early age of 27, she applied for and was appointed to the post of headmistress of Holly Lodge High School for Girls in Smethwick, a post which she held for 11 years. In this time she changed the thinking and attitudes of all concerned — children, parents, staff and, most importantly, the Smetwick education committee. She left a close-knit community, proud of its status and believing in its future.

In 1935 came the invitation to become headmistress of the Godolphin and Latymer School for Girls in Hammersmith, an office she held for 28 years.

From the start, the fortunes of the school and the welfare of its pupils became the focal point of her life. Convinced that the purpose of education was, as Sir Richard Livingston said to her, "to help individual members to develop their potential and to fulfil the promises in them", she successfully established the additional requirement that the school should be " a happy community." Her period of office entailed continuous adaptation to the educational reforms.

She was a splendid crusader who always retained her sense of realism. Among many constructive initiatives she brought back into the classroom married women teachers on either a part-time or full-time basis; so successful was this that in 1963 she had 15 married women on her staff of 40.

In 1950 she became president of the Association of Headmistresses and three years later was appointed to the governing body of the Royal Ballet schools. She served as a United Kingdom delegate to the Unesco conferences in Geneva and Montevideo in 1954. Her services to education were publicly recognised when she was appointed CBE in 1933 and created DBE in 1963 on her retirement from Godolphin.

She remained active in public affairs as a member of the University Grants Committee, the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine, and the Television Research Committee of the Home Office, the National Froebel Institution and as a fellow of King's College, London.

Joyce Butler's private life, was as rewarding as her professional career. The same generosity in judgments, her compassionate understanding of other peoples' troubles or aspirations, her wit, her interest in national and world affairs and her warm welcome brought countless friends to her home in Putney. In the later years of her retirement, her eyesight and hearing started to fail her — severe handicaps to an avid reader and a gifted conversationalist whose mind remained as active as ever. But she met adversity with courage and resignation, supported by Elizabeth Ellett, her devoted friend, companion and housekeeper for nearly fifty years.

Madeleine Mainstone

WE HAVE been asked to point out that the development of the education programme at the Victoria and Albert Museum, culminating in the foundation of a separate education department in 1971, was primarily the work of Madeleine Mainstone, who died in 1979.

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WEST GERMANY EMERGE WORTHY WINNERS

From Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent
Leon, June 14

West Germany 3, England 2

The World Cup drifted away from England in the Guanajuato Stadium here today and now they are left with a private sense of emptiness. Two goals up with only 20 minutes left, and Bell and Hunter substituted for Charlton and Peters at that point, they had both feet, so it seemed, in the semi-final of this ninth global football championship.

It looked all over. But it is never so against these Germans. The day of settlement for that 1966 final had to come some time and it came now, dramatically and in extra time — as indeed there had been at Wembley four years ago.

In an admirable resurgence of spirit, stamina and skill the Germans earned a win that seemed at one point far beyond their reach. Drawing level at the end of normal time it was an old-fashioned move that finally drove the last blade in for victory, five minutes into the start of the second period of the extra half hour.

Grabowski, beating Cooper for speed on the outside, moved to the by-line and centred deep to the left. Up went Lohr to head back square and there was Muller to grab his ace goal of these championships as he volleyed home from close range. Never perhaps will he or his side treasure a goal more deeply ...

Yet the better side won in the end. And they won because, once Beckenbauer had put the Germans back into the match when it was three-quarters gone, England wrongly proceeded to pull in their horns, pack the perimeter of their penalty area and concede the central areas to the twin German generals, Beckenbauer and Overath, supported by that wise old owl, Seeler. That was the heart and core of this extraordinary upheaval when all seemed done.

If Sir Alf Ramsey, in his disappointment, followed with the words: "I have never seen England give away two such goals", I would not know which ones he meant. This may seem cruelly ungracious to anyone who had to suffer out there in the sun. But I do feel that Gordon Banks, had he been under England's crossbar, would not have come off his line to let Seeler's header loop over him and that he would have cut out Lohr's cross header that led to the winner by Muller ...

Having travelled 170 miles by road yesterday from the turbulent concrete jungle of a million-strong city of Guadalajara, England moved to this charming little provincial centre, a place by comparison drowsy and closely wrapped ...

When the teams came out, England in red and Germany in white, there was an echo of that sunny Wembley final of July, 1966. England now, sadly, were without Banks their master goalkeeper, sick overnight. In his place stood Chelsea's Bonetti. On the field were five men on each side who had contested the World Cup final, but now there was something special. This was Bobby Charlton's 106th cap for England, to beat Billy Wright's record set up 12 years ago ...

ON THIS DAY

June 15 1970

Mullery, and Peters scored for England: Beckenbauer, Seeler and Muller for Germany. In the semi-final Germany was beaten by Italy 3-4 (five goals in extra time) who lost to Brazil 1-4 in the final.

NEWS

Thatcher tells Tories: back Major

■ Baroness Thatcher has intervened in the internal Conservative crisis of confidence to call on the party to throw its support behind John Major.

With support for Mr Major's leadership at its lowest ebb and speculation about a challenge to him this year or next, Lady Thatcher told an intermediary that the party should not again become involved in "musical chairs" She acknowledged her differences with Mr Major, but added: "We must all get behind John." ..... **Pages 1, 2, 10, 16, 17**

UN keeps up Somalia attacks

■ The United Nations defied international condemnation of its efforts to bring peace to Somalia and followed up a series of American air strikes on Mogadishu with another helicopter attack ..... **Pages 1, 12**

Venables loses battle

Terry Venables has lost his High Court fight to continue as executive director of Tottenham Hotspur, a savage blow to his hopes of buying out Alan Sugar as chairman of the Premier League club ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Timex boss quits

Union leaders fear that Timex, the US-owned electronics company, is likely to close its strike-hit British plant after the resignation of Peter Hall, the president of the UK company ..... **Page 1**

Coldstream alert

The Coldstream Guards have been put on notice that they are the regiment next in line for a six-month tour of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The order indicates that the government is prepared to deploy troops to beyond the 12-month limit ministers originally felt adequate ..... **Page 1**

Informer risks death

Declan Casey, a self-proclaimed IRA double agent, lay low in Northern Ireland yesterday after returning to Strabane, co. Tyrone, in a blaze of publicity, apparently to await an assassin's bullet ..... **Page 3**

Sams trial outburst

The mother of Julie Dart was involved in an emotional courtroom confrontation with the man who denies murdering her daughter. Lynn Dart shouted across the court to Michael Sams "He's mine." ..... **Page 3**

Fire pay peace move

Local authorities are prepared to restore an index-linked pay formula to firefighters in a bid to avert a strike, but the move is likely to anger ministers **Page 9**

Thousands flee

Thousands of Bosnian Croats were in flight as avenging Muslim troops burned and sacked Croat villages in central Bosnia. Up to 10,000 Croats were said to to be flooding into the small town of Kakanj while another 5,000 were roaming in the woods ..... **Page 11**

Turkey's new broom

Tansu Ciller, Turkey's first woman prime minister, has set about making the first wide-spreading changes in government in the "wind of change" which her supporters hoped she would bring ..... **Page 13**

German SPD leader

Germany's Social Democrat Party, struggling to rediscover its sense of unity and purpose, has chosen Rudolf Scharping, a political scientist aged 45, as the party's leader. Herr Scharping, considered a dour politician, is prime minister of Rhineland Palatinate ..... **Page 11**

Hong Kong killers

The Hong Kong media have turned their attention from the fraught discussuons with China to the man-eating shark or sharks is believed to have killed two people in a fortnight ..... **Page 13**

Clinton sues for peace with press

■ President Clinton has declared a ceasefire — with the White House press corps. After five months of open warfare, he finally put aside his icy hostility towards the Fourth Estate and tried hot-dog diplomacy instead. At short notice he and Hillary invited 300 journalists and their spouses to a South Lawn barbecue and greeted every guest ..... **Page 12**



Pulling together: a replica trireme is rowed down the Thames as part of the celebration of 2,500 years of Greek democracy. Tomorrow the *Olympias* will be berthed at Westminster where the Speaker of the House of Commons will board it for a presentation

BUSINESS

De Lorean breakthrough: A decade after the collapse of De Lorean Motor Cars, liquidators have recovered a quarter of the money which was invested by the government in the manufacturer of luxury cars ..... **Page 21**

BT offer: The first payment for shares in the government's third sale of BT shares next month will be 150p for public investors, who are being offered a package of incentives ..... **Page 23**

Markets: Shares enjoyed a strong rally and the FT-SE 100 index closed 23.7 higher at 2,885.5. Sterling was firm, rising .18 cents to $1.5258 and .41 pfennigs to DM2.4802 ..... **Page 24**

Tennis: Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi has been seeded No 8 for this year's championships. Peter Sampras and Steffi Graf are the tops seeds for the men's and women's singles ..... **Page 40**

Rugby Union: The British Lions have chosen Jason Leonard, England's loose-head prop in 25 internationals, to play at tight-head forward for tomorrow's game against Taranaki ..... **Page 38**

Athletics: Britain's selectors have persuaded Kriss Akabusi to come out of international retirement for the European Cup in Rome. Chief coach Frank Dick felt that Gary Cadogan was too inexperienced for the 400m hurdles ..... **Page 36**

Respected champion: In retirement, Jimmy Carter has become the true force of decency in international life. Matthew d'Ancona on the former president ..... **Page 14**

Basic question: Identical twins have long been seen as nature's own experiment, providing the answer to the question of whether genes or environment have more influence ..... **Page 15**

Pilot scheme: "We may regard ourselves as ordinary members of the public but, after all, sitting in judgment upon others is an extraordinary position." Paula Davies on magistrates ..... **Page 29**

Is Starck a Designer? That is the question posed by a big new Design Museum retrospective surveying the quirky French designer's output. Joe Joseph put it directly to the man ..... **Page 33**

Alternative rock in the park: Thousands descended on Finsbury Park in north London at the weekend for an open-air festival of "alternative rock", headed by The Cure and Belly ..... **Page 34**

Blooming contentious: Tomorrow, on "Bloomsday", Oxford University Press will republish the original version of Joyce's *Ulysses* — and rekindle one of the biggest literary controversies of recent years ..... **Page 35**

PEOPLE



Graham Pink, the nurse who complained about the care in his hospital, won £11,000 yesterday from the health authority that sacked him
Page 8



Kim Campbell, Canada's new prime minister is acerbic, brittle and with a glinting ambition, and has to prove herself quickly
Page 12



Neil Foster, the Essex fast bowler recalled for the second Test against Australia, has been fined £250 by his county for kicking over the stumps
Page 40

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Wimbledon: the hidden appeal

■ Have the conventions of Wimbledon hidden the real voyeuristic appeal of lawn tennis, Alice Thomson asks

An artistic lion in Venice

■ At the Venice Biennale, British artist Richard Hamilton has won a Golden Lion. Richard Cork surveys the work of Hamilton and the other stars of Venice's massive art jamboree

Favoured estates of the nation

■ What is it about Scottish game estates that appeals to the foreigner?

Ray Gosling launches the much-heralded series on *Adultery* (BBC2, 9.45pm) ..... **Page 39**

Rights for all

The Vienna conference on human rights must at the very least preserve the gains of the past 45 years. The altered international mood should enable it do better if Western governments, most of which are paying too little attention... put greater weight behind the defence of liberty ..... **Page 17**

Turkey's Thatcher

Even today the election of a woman prime minister is an unusual event. The election of Tansu Ciller to head the government in Turkey is significant for another reason: it marks the transfer of power to a new generation in Turkish politics ..... **Page 17**

Outposts of empire

The imperial capital of the European empire has sometimes seemed very far away. Little did us provincials from this foggy, northern backwater realise that we, too, could share in the brilliant vices of the new Rome ..... **Page 17**

BERNARD LEVIN

It is true that the quality of mercy is not strain'd, and indeed it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. Moreover, it is twice blessed — oh yes it is, because it blesseth him that gives and him that takes. But will that be enough for South Africa? ..**Page 16**

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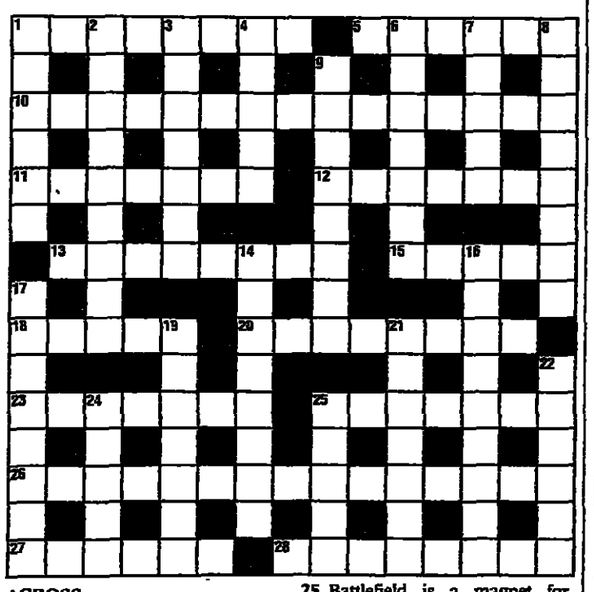
John Major still has the capacity to grow in stature by learning from his mistakes, and should be given the chance ..... **Page 16**

Conservative students protest about the disqualification of their newly elected national director who supports a Maastricht referendum ..... **Page 17**

The silence of the US administration on the question of retaliation against Saddam Hussein for his attempt on Mr Bush's life during the latter's visit to Kuwait in April has been astonishing
—The Washington Times

The main Somali beef is not that the West is an oppressor, but that the US has not acted forcefully enough
- Wall Street Journal

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,257



ACROSS

1 Big waves beyond territorial waters (4,4).
5 Graduate's research place backs ointment (6).
10 With us, idle merriment produces the shakes (8,7).
11 Unusual spread — unlike the curate's egg (3-4).
12 Member having a peg — he gets what's left (7).
13 Ancient nomadic race, originally semi-toed (8).
15 Pages and pages about a handwritten document (5).
18 Look sullen, being let down (5).
20 Deceive sweetheart about source of gift, using great diplomacy (3-5).
23 Look over cursorily and object about Asian shrub (7).
25 Battlefield is a magnet for tourism (7).
26 Length of beard — in feet, perhaps (8,7)
27 Value of two quarters with back pay (6).
28 A police superintendent exposes drug user (4-4).

DOWN

1 Concealing a drubbing (6).
2 Her husband prefers greens (4,5).
3 Massacre almost developing from such wounding words (7).
4 Some are plagued with malaria (5).
6 Archdeacon wearing bizarre gear — but he will get his own back (7).
7 Exhausted swan is in the way (5).
8 Many taking English need to avail themselves of a rubber (8).
9 Conventional manner captivates one's daughter (8).
14 Food here is removed before it can be eaten (4-4).
16 Arrival by river is a risky undertaking (9).
17 Special line, chopped-up Jamaica pepper (8).
19 Pity about the Inspector! (7).
21 A horse covered with fat is a dawdler (7).
22 Following unfinished business, this is the remnant (3-3).
24 Information needed in raising sheep (5).
25 Impersonate consumptive girl with cold (5).

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South Africa Rd	6.25	5.35
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Sweden Kr	11.57	10.77
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	16300.0	15300.0
USA $	1.625	1.495

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

WEATHER

Outbreaks of rain will spread across Northern Ireland this morning, push into southwestern Scotland by the afternoon and reach northwest England, Wales and Cornwall later. The rest of Scotland and eastern England will see the best of the weather, with warm sunny spells. Late in the day it will become cloudy over central parts with patchy drizzle in places. Outlook: becoming drier and brighter from the west.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Madrid	29	77	s
Alicante	30	86	s	Majorca	29	77	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	25	77	s
Algiers	26	79	s	Malta	23	73	c
Amst'dm	13	55	d	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Athens	30	86	s	Miami*	32	90	f
Belfast	16	61	s	Milan	24	75	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Montreal*	28	82	s
Barbados*	32	86	f	Moscow	19	66	c
Barcelna	22	72	s	Munich	17	63	c
Beirut	28	79	s	Nairobi	21	70	f
Belgrade	19	66	t	Naples	21	70	f
Berlin	16	61	f	N Delhi	34	93	s
Bermuda*	25	77	f	N York*	26	79	s
Biarritz	19	66	f	Nice	20	68	s
Borde'x	17	63	c	Oslo	11	52	f
Brussels	13	55	r	Paris	14	57	r
Budapst	20	68	f	Peking	31	88	s
B Aires*	15	59	r	Perth	17	63	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Prague	19	66	f
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Reykjavik	9	48	c
Chicago*	27	81	f	Rhodes	28	82	s
Ch'church	10	50	f	Rio de J	20	68	s
Cologne	16	61	f	Riyadh	40	104	s
C'hagn	17	63	f	Rome	21	70	f
Corfu	25	77	s	Salzburg	17	63	f
Dublin	11	52	c	S F'isco*	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	26	77	c	Santiago*	15	59	s
Faro	29	84	c	Seoul	22	72	c
Florence	24	75	f	Sing'por	32	90	s
Frankfurt	14	57	c	Stckholm	14	57	c
Funchal	23	73	c	Strasb'rg	19	66	f
Geneva	17	63	c	Sydney	15	59	s
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Tangier	24	75	s
Helsinki	12	54	c	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Hong K	30	86	c	Tenerife	24	75	s
Innsbruck	19	66	f	Tokyo	25	77	f
Istanbul	28	82	s	Toronto*	24	75	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tunis	27	81	f
Karachi	35	95	f	Valencia	24	75	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Vanc'ver*	16	61	f
Le Touqt	13	55	r	Venice	23	73	s
Lisbon	29	84	s	Vienna	18	64	c
Locarno	24	75	s	Warsaw	14	57	c
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wash'tn*	23	73	c
Luxembg	14	57	c	Wel'ton	10	50	r
Luxor	40	104	s	Zurich	16	61	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F): min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.27in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,011.1 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Sunday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 09C (48F); highest rainfall: Eastbourne, East Sussex, 0.54in; highest sunshine: Manchester, 12.9hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F): min 6pm to 6am, 07C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.13in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.6hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.8	-	12	54	cloudy
Anglesey	5.9	-	16	61	bright
Bel'fast		0.02	12	54	rain
Birmingham	10.2	0.02	17	63	sunny
Bognor Regis	2.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Bournemouth	2.1	-	17	63	bright
Bristol	3.1	-	18	64	bright
Buxton	10.4	-	16	61	sunny
Cardiff	2.2	-	17	63	bright
Clacton	1.7	0.03	16	61	cloudy
Cromer	0.3	0.06	13	55	cloudy
Eastbourne	9.0	0.54	17	63	bright
Edinburgh	6.8	-	13	55	bright
Exmouth	3.3	0.06	18	64	cloudy
Falmouth	4.8	0.02	18	64	bright
Folkestone	1.7	0.33	17	63	cloudy
Glasgow		-	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	1.3	0.11	17	63	cloudy
Hunstanton	4.5	-	14	57	sunny
Leeds	2.9	-	17	63	sunny
Lerwick	2.9	-	10	50	cloudy
Littlehampton	2.7	0.02	17	63	bright
Liverpool	11.1	-	16	61	sunny
London	4.6	0.09	17	63	sunny
Lowestoft	1.4	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Manchester	12.9	-	18	64	sunny
Margate	2.0	0.09	16	61	cloudy
Morecambe	11.3	-	18	64	sunny
Newcastle	3.4	-	12	54	bright
Nottingham	4.5	-	16	61	sunny
Penzance	5.3	0.35	17	63	bright
Plymouth	1.2	-	16	61	cloudy
Poole	0.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Scunthorpe	3.1	-	15	59	bright
Scarborough	5.6	0.01	12	54	sunny
Southend	3.8	0.09	17	63	bright
Skegness	9.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Teignmouth	3.3	0.08	19	66	cloudy
Tiree	1.2	-	11	52	drizzle
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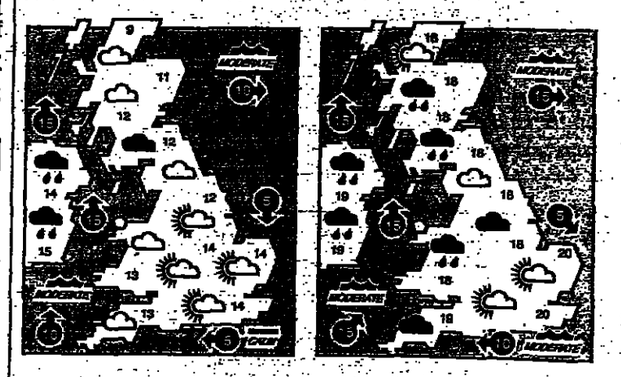
These are Sunday's figures

London 9.50 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 9.59 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.31 pm to 3.58 am
Manchester 10.19 pm to 4.09 am
Penzance 10.04 pm to 4.42 am

Sun rises: 4.43 am — Sun sets: 9.20 pm
Moon sets: 1.45 am — Moon rises: 4.41 pm
New moon June 20

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	f	Guernsey	13	55	d
B'mngham	14	57	r	Inverness	11	52	f
Blackpool	11	52	f	Jersey	14	57	sg
Bristol	15	59	c	London	15	59	d
Cardiff	14	57	d	M'chester	12	54	r
Edinburgh	11	52	f	Newcastle	10	50	c
Glasgow	11	52	c	Rathlin	13	55	f



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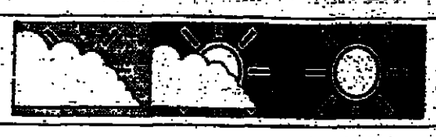
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.52	5.9	11.10	5.8	Liverpool	8.14	7.5	8.52	7.6
Aberdeen	10.31	3.3	11.20	3.4	Lowestoft	7.01	2.1	6.37	2.1
Avonmouth	3.49	10.1	4.15	10.2	Margate	9.08	4.0	9.22	4.0
Belfast	8.04	2.9	8.42	2.9	Milford Haven	3.05	5.3	3.39	5.3
Cardiff	3.34	9.5	4.00	9.6	Newquay	2.04	5.4	2.37	5.4
Devonport	2.00	4.4	2.53	4.4	Oban	2.58	3.1	3.20	3.0
Dover	8.16	5.3	8.34	5.5	Penzance	1.16	4.4	2.05	4.4
Falmouth	1.30	4.2	2.22	4.2	Portland	2.26	1.4	3.34	1.5
Glasgow	9.52	10.3	10.31	3.9	Portsmouth	8.04	3.5	8.08	3.2
Harwich	8.49	3.5	9.09	3.2	Shoreham	8.19	4.5	8.12	4.5
Holyhead	7.28	4.5	8.12	4.5	Southampton	8.06	4.7	8.46	5.0
Hull	3.18	5.7	3.33	6.0	Swansea	3.02	7.3	3.32	7.2
Ilfracombe	2.44	7.0	3.15	7.0	Tees	12.40	4.4	12.53	4.5
King's Lynn	3.28	4.8	3.42	5.0	Tilbury	8.51	3.5	9.08	3.4
Leith	11.37	4.4			Wilton-on-Ntze				



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A court was told yesterday of an alleged fraud over 17 years at Nissan UK said to involve millions of pounds lost to the Inland Revenue
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THE POUND

US $	1.5258 (+0.0018)
German mark	2.4802 (+0.0045)
Exchange index	79.4 (+0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2885.5 (+23.7)
Dow Jones	3511.37 (+6.36)*
Nikkei Avg	20997.35 (-103.60)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	5 15/16-5 11/16%
US Federal Funds	3 1/4%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.05-3.04%*
Long Bond	6.80%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5275*	£:$ 1.5260
$:DM 1.6247*	£:DM 2.4805
$:SWfr 1.4490*	£:SWfr 2.2077
$:Ffr 5.4610*	£:Ffr 8.3360
$:Yen 105.13*	£:Yen 160.46
£:SDR 1.0773	£:ECU 1.2681

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 368.50 PM 369.00
Close 363.70-364.10
New York:
Comex 368.55-364.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 140.6 April (1.3%)

* Denotes midday trading price



Calling investors: Stephen Dorrell, of the Treasury, giving details of the third sale of BT shares, including a first payment of 150p. Details 23; Tempus 25

BIS supports Lamont's line on central banks

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

THE Bank for International Settlements has made a plea for European central banks to be independent of government, saying short-term political interference in interest rates undermined the credibility of many currencies during the ructions on foreign exchanges last year.

The bankers bank, based in Basel, whose directors are mainly central bankers, echoes the views of the Bank of England and the arguments put forward last week by Norman Lamont, the ousted Chancellor. In its annual report, the international bank says: "The credibility of exchange rate commitments was influenced by the potential for policy changes as a result, for instance, of forthcoming elections". It noted that countries with long-standing or newly enhanced central bank independence, such as Belgium, the Netherlands and Austria, had, as a result, been able to withstand the currency turmoil without undue strain.

The BIS concedes, however, that even a steady monetary policy needs to be supported by fiscal restraint to be effective. This, says the bank, poses a dilemma for British policy even after devaluation, because of twin budget and trade deficits. It says policymakers must strike a balance between growth high enough to reduce the budget deficit but not so strong as to increase the current account deficit — which it blames solely on worsening public finances. The bank says: "The low level of manufacturing investment has led to a structural weakness as the capacity of UK manufacturing enterprises may not be sufficiently large to support the domestic market even in conditions of low demand."

The bank highlighted the importance to Europe of lower German interest rates. Speaking at its annual meeting yesterday, Otmar Issing, a leading Bundesbank council member, said that members of the European Monetary System had only limited scope to cut interest rates independently of Germany. Inflation trends were moving in the right direction in Germany but not as quickly as the Bundesbank would like.

☐ France cut key official interest rates for the eighth time in two months. The quarter-point cuts make official French rates the same or lower than their German equivalents.

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De Lorean liquidators recover over £20m

By Neil Bennett

LIQUIDATORS to De Lorean Motor Cars, the former luxury car manufacturer, have recovered more than a quarter of the money the government invested in the ill-fated company in a string of recent successes more than a decade after the business collapsed.

Documents to be filed with Companies House will show that Cork Gully, the liquidator, has recovered more than £20 million, almost all of it in the last year. Most of the cash will go to the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland, which invested almost £80 million in the company in loan and share capital as employment grants.

Cork Gully's greatest success came last September when it recovered $9.56 million from John De Lorean, the company's founder, after a long legal battle. The liquidators forced Mr De Lorean to sell his two-storey penthouse apartment in Park Avenue, New York. The sale was the result of a legal settlement in 1991 in which Mr De Lorean also dropped a $600 million suit against the liquidators for damaging his reputation. Mr De Lorean had previously paid $9 million to the trustee in bankruptcy of the American offshoot of the motor company. Much of this has also been collected by Cork Gully.

The liquidators have also gained access to a series of numbered Swiss bank accounts that contained cash that had been diverted from the company. These, in the name of the late Colin Chapman, founder of Group Lotus who worked with De Lorean on the car project, have yielded an additional £4 million.

Last year, Cork Gully collected £702,000 from another Swiss bank account held by Frederick Bushell, the former Group Lotus chairman, who is serving a three-year sentence for his part in a conspiracy to defraud De Lorean Motor Cars. At his sentencing the judge said that both Mr De Lorean and Mr Chapman would have merited ten-year sentences if they had stood trial. A warrant was issued for Mr De Lorean's arrest last May after Mr Bushell's trial which is likely to be exercised if he ever returns to Britain.

Cork Gully was appointed as De Lorean Motor Cars' liquidator in February 1982. Since then it has earned fees of £2 million. The firm hopes the affair proves that lengthy liquidations are worthwhile despite recent criticism of the level of liquidators' fees.

De Lorean Motors was formed when, in 1978, Mr De Lorean persuaded the Labour government to back his dream of a gull-winged, stainless steel sports car. Money intended to pay for design work was siphoned out of the business and the government had to close the operation down.

Chris Hughes, the partner who has been involved in the case since the start, said he is still chasing assets in Switzerland. "We have not drawn stumps yet. It is a slow process but it is worth doing."



De Lorean: warrant issued

Inflationary pressures in economy subdued

By Our Economics Correspondent

THE Treasury welcomed more evidence that inflationary pressures in the economy remain subdued despite sterling's devaluation since last September, as manufacturers' ability to pass on higher import costs remains constrained by lack of demand.

The Central Statistical Office reported that output prices rose 0.2 per cent in May for an annual increase of 4 per cent, up from 3.8 per cent and the highest rate since March last year. Input prices also rose 0.2 per cent in May, taking that annual rate to 7.5 per cent from 7.3 per cent.

However, the annual rate of factory gate price inflation excluding food, drink and tobacco, widely regarded to give a more accurate picture of underlying trends, fell last month to 2.6 per cent from 2.7 per cent in April.

A Treasury spokesman said that this measure of inflation remained "low by historical standards". He also noted that the fall in unit wage costs of nearly 3 per cent in the year to the first quarter of 1993 was an "excellent performance", helping to hold down output costs.

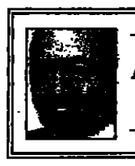
Although manufacturers want to raise prices, they are finding it difficult to do so because of subdued demand.

Ian Shepherdson, UK economist with Midland Global Markets, said that high unemployment and falling pay settlements had squeezed incomes, making it hard for manufacturers to get away with price rises. Sharply falling unit labour costs had given manufacturers a cushion to absorb higher import costs. He said: "We are close to a virtuous circle because the devaluation took place when the economy was very weak."

The gilt-edged market, subdued before tonight's policy speech by the Chancellor, reacted favourably to the data.

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Educating a new Chancellor



ANTHONY HARRIS

For years after the second World War Japanese soldiers went on trickling out of the jungle, ready to fight. Nobody had told them it was all over. There were only a few of them; the City is out of date on a larger scale. Most of its leaders, from the Governor-designate downwards, are still listening anxiously to every crackling twig which might show that prices are stirring. It will be a real shock if our new Chancellor, making his Mansion House debut at the Guildhall tonight, does not use the great fogey phrase: "the battle against inflation." It is expected of him.

Yet some City analysts — those, I am tempted to say, who have climbed the highest trees — are already announcing that the battle is over, and the enemy has crept away. They include some of those who gave the earliest warning of the inflation of the late 1980s, so they are hardly white-flag specialists. Mr Clarke, who has a reputation as a bullshit detector, and arrives with an industrialist's suspicion of received City opinion, should add their analyses to his cramming course. He will not hear such talk from his official advisers; but if he listens only to them, he could wind up with a Singapore defence, pointing the wrong way. Some of the loudest *deflationary* warnings have come from Tim Congdon and Gordon Pepper, anti-inflationary hawks of the past, who have both earned professorships for getting it right. Part of their case rests on the sluggish growth of broad money — the statistical footprint of a banking system too demoralised to lend. Indeed Peter Warburton of Robert Fleming, another broad-monetarist, argues that we may not have enough monetary inflation to support a recovery. The two professors support their monetary warnings with studies of past depressions (the tall-tree perspective).

But which depression? Most commentators have dwelt on the 1930s: but Congdon's international partner at Lombard Street Research, Brian Reading, looks still further back. Developing a suggestion made in this column a few weeks ago, he says that the real reason for low inflation and high unemployment in the West is competition from new low-cost, high-growth producers. The last time that happened was in the 1880s. The parallels are striking. Then, as now, the "depression" was largely limited to mature economies. Employment was depressed, but output rose slowly and world growth was quite high.

In the advanced economies prices were on a falling trend for four decades, so living standards rose depite stagnant wages. It could happen again, Reading suggests. He leaves out the possibility that falling prices were caused not by competition, but by the gold standard, since gold stocks grew more slowly than output. Frightened banks may do the same job of squeezing the money supply, but less reliably; so the City may be right to yearn for a monetary target again, though there are no warning signs yet. Reading does muse that we could opt for stagflation rather than a falling-price boom through protectionism, which is the real danger.

In contrast to this thoughtful stuff, many of the current inflation warnings are generated by knee-jerk computer models; but some of the reasoning deserves respect. Stephen Lewis of London Bond Broking, for example, argues from our current trade performance that we have not yet devalued enough. He would see any consequent inflation as the unavoidable price of a necessary adjustment. Paul Ormrod of the Henley Centre follows the same logic when he says that inflation will result when corporations succeed in attaining adequate profit margins. His hope is the great fear of the Bank of England, and the core of inflation warnings from Natwest, but obviously has different implications.

There are two further answers, from current figures and recent history. Roger Bootle of Midland, the bugler of the no-inflation group, points out that falling unit wage costs are giving us higher margins and real-terms devaluation, but painlessly. Recent experience in the US offers another counter: efforts by producers and retailers to restore their margins were repeatedly beaten back by their price-conscious customers; now even the tobacco oligopoly, the exception to that rule, has collapsed into a price war. Will the fogey cartel do the same?

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EC shaken after Bonn breaks ranks on trade

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

■ Less than one week before the Copenhagen summit, Germany's unilateral move has shattered the Community's united stance on trade sanctions

THE European Commission was yesterday considering taking legal action against the German government for breaking with its EC partners and opening up its telecommunications market to American manufacturers.

Just seven days before the Copenhagen summit, the last thing the EC needs is a damaging internal trade argument. Yet commission officials yesterday admitted the unilateral German move has sent shockwaves through the EC when a united stance was vital for its credibility in the Gatt world trade negotiations.

Germany has refused to join its EC partners in taking counter-sanctions against Washington in the telecommunications market, following the much-publicised breakdown in negotiations between Sir Leon Brittan, the trade commissioner, and his American counterpart, Mickey Kantor earlier this year.

Mr Kantor, the US trade representative, objects to article 29 of an EC directive that gives EC companies a 3 per cent margin of preference in bidding for public contracts. Sir Leon says the "Buy American" act operated in the American market has much the same effect, and in the vital telecommunications sector neither has been prepared to budge, with both sides deciding to block out one another's products and services.

But during last week's OECD meeting in Paris, Gunter Rexrodt, the German economics minister, struck the beginnings of a deal with Mr Kantor to bilaterally drop any sanctions between the two countries in telecommunications. Germany is therefore violating EC law in two respects, by not applying an EC directive, and by refusing to bow to EC competence in trade matters.

Herr Rexrodt's excuse is that Germany has a 1954 friendship pact with Washington guaranteeing that it will take no trade sanctions against US companies. Lobbyists and lawyers close to the sector in Brussels doubt this, however. They suspect that German companies have successfully persuaded Bonn that sanctions are too costly in the long run.

Political sources suggest, meanwhile, that Bonn is letting Paris know that it will not be pushed around in trade matters. As a supporter of free trade, the German government is deeply annoyed at the new French centre-right government's apparent rejection of the "Blair House" agriculture deal with Washington. If France does refuse to sign the Blair House agreement, Gatt negotiations will be in serious trouble.

France, the biggest supporter of Article 29, is pushing the commission to take action against Germany, and the French media devoted many pages to the affair yesterday. *Le Monde* said the conflict was "a long way from being resolved," an attitude shared by worried commission officials.

"We had no warning that they weren't going to apply sanctions," said a spokesman for Sir Leon, who is deeply disappointed with Bonn's action. "They signed the directive, they signed the counter-sanctions — it's a funny view of trade policy. There is clearly a political element to this."

What makes the German action more odd is that EC telecommunication exports affected by the American santions amount to only about £30 million. But companies such as Siemens fear that losing market share because of a relatively petty dispute could have disastrous long-term consequences. The telecommunications market is expanding so rapidly that by the year 2000 sales in Europe alone are expected to double to about $297 billion. That would equal 4.5 per cent of the community GDP, surpassing the car industy in both financial size and importance.

JOHN MANNING



Surging ahead: John Harris, left, and Norman Askew, of East Midlands Electricity

East Midlands powers on

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

EAST Midlands Electricity, the first of the 12 regional distributors to report final results this year, has started a dividend race by coming in with a payment to shareholders ahead of expectations.

The shares jumped 6p to 456p, prompting rises elsewhere in the electricity sector, after the 14 per cent dividend increase that accompanied news of a rise in pre-tax profits for the year to end-March ahead from £150 million to £155.1 million after £14 million of provisions to cover restructuring.

A 13.78p final payment makes a dividend of 19.5p, against 17.1p. John Harris, the chairman and chief executive, said the move would establish a new base that reflected the underlying strength of the company before the forthcoming regulatory reviews into the core supply and distribution business.

The move by East Midlands had analysts raising their unofficial dividend forecasts for the forthcoming reporting season from the regional distribution companies over the next three weeks.

Cash generation of almost £45 million helped trim gearing by 10 percentage points to 22 per cent. However, the unregulated energy services business had a £4.9 million operating loss.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Heywood Williams buys into US housing

HEYWOOD Williams is buying into the American housing market with the $65 million purchase of Lasalle-Deitch, a distributor of building products and furnishings to the US manufactured housing industry. The price includes the £8 million cost of repaying Lasalle's borrowings and represents a large part of the £60 million Heywood earned by selling its glass business to Pilkington earlier this year.

Lasalle sold $117 million of fixtures and furnishings into the $1 billion distribution sector of the market last year, making an operating profit of $6.4 million. Lasalle's unaudited operating profits for the first four months of this year were $2.5 million, up from $1.4 milion in the previous year. Lasalle's other main business, accounting for 17 per cent of turnover is supplying mobile home manufacturers. The industry's target market (the over 40s) is expected to increase in size through the remainder of the decade.

Zestril lifts Zeneca price

ZENECA shares rose 1p to 617p yesterday when the pharmaceutical group, which recently demerged from ICI, said Zestril had been approved to help treat congestive heart failure by the US Food and Drug Administration. Zestril is also used to treat hypertension and won sales of £294 million in 1992. AECI, the South African chemical group which is 38 per cent owned by ICI, yesterday said it was considering joint ventures with Sasol, the South African oil group.

Airtours acquires Hogg

AIRTOURS, the travel company that this year narrowly failed in a bid for the rival Owners Abroad, has bought the leisure travel agency side of Hogg Robinson, the freight and financial services group, for £25 million. Airtours bought the Pickfords travel chain last September and the 214 Hogg Robinson outlets will be added to Pickfords' 334-strong network. The merged businesses will be Britain's second largest chain of travel agents.

DIY war hits Ladbroke

DO-IT-YOURSELF price wars are taking their toll at Texas Homecare, shareholders in parent company Ladbroke were told yesterday at the annual meeting. Cyril Stein, the chairman, said the DIY business has been fiercely competitive, and involved price cuts and heavy advertising. Only the racing division has been performing well. Hotels subsidiary Hilton International is only trading satisfactorily while the property business is recovering.

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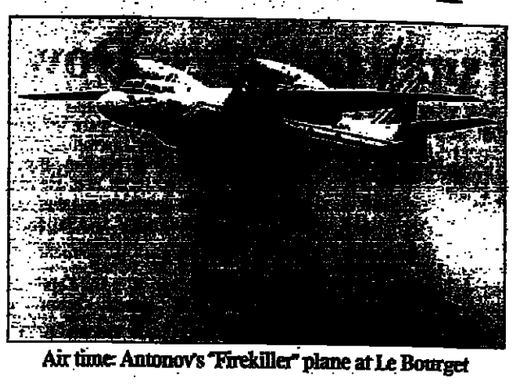
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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	119.40	127.70	+0.70	.98
International	91.84	97.70	+0.35	.92
Dividend Gth	57.31	60.96	+0.33	4.61
Global Gth Sec	62.08	66.04	-0.03	2.62
Ethical Growth	65.33	69.49†	+0.13	2.52
High Inc Equity	149.30	158.80	+0.80	5.01
Worldwide Bond	270.00	286.20†	+1.50	3.67
Gilts Fixed Int	128.50	136.20†	+0.10	6.04
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6601				
Amer Inc Gth	42.68	45.05	+0.13	0.69
European	81.76	86.63	-0.77	...
European Inc	78.10	82.88†	+0.84	1.81
Exempt	913.20	940.10†	+8.60	3.27
Extra Inc	42.91	46.55†	-0.18	4.96
F East Emerg Sc	84.45	91.07	-0.05	0.71
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	379.70	405.80	+2.60	4.05
Equity Inc	213.60	228.30	+1.50	3.99
High Yield	235.20	251.40†	+1.80	4.07
Balanced	635.70	679.50†	+4.50	2.60
American Inc	46.85	50.08	-0.02	3.19
Wld Asset Val	39.92	42.67	-0.10	1.10
Japan	209.30	223.00	-0.60	0.01
Secs of Am	396.30	421.60†	-2.10	0.59
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	314.40	334.50	+3.00	2.75
-do- Inc	222.80	237.10	+2.10	2.75
Higher Inc Acc	573.60	610.30	+6.00	3.72
-do- Inc	348.40	370.70	+3.60	3.72
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	175.20	188.00	+0.30	6.02
-do- Inc	91.84	96.99	+0.19	6.02
Nth America	250.60	266.60	-0.80	...
Far East	303.90	323.30	-0.50	0.16
Europe	226.70	241.20	+2.30	1.01
General Inc	437.80	455.30	+4.10	2.48
-do- Acc	469.30	499.30	+4.40	2.48
Brit Excell	63.48	67.54†	+0.61	2.82
Brit Fndmntls Inc	66.59	70.84	+0.61	4.85
Brit Fndmntls Acc	85.83	91.31	+0.78	4.85
Global Opps	72.19	76.80†	-0.29	0.06
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	250.80	264.00	+1.70	1.34
Capital Gwth	99.85	105.10	...	2.57
Worldwide Opps	149.60	157.50	...	0.62
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	106.00	113.30	+0.80	2.76
Euro Gth Inc	114.90	121.90	+1.00	1.03
Extra Inc	105.80	113.20	+0.70	4.80
General	240.90	257.60	+1.60	2.95
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.41	59.35†	+0.08	8.50
Income	487.10	521.00	+3.70	4.46
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9802				
American Gth	90.34	95.91	+0.31	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	116.10	124.50	+0.70	...
Convertibles	53.77	57.07	+0.13	7.00
Eastern	186.30	200.60	-0.30	1.60
Equity Income	81.32	86.50	+0.68	6.30
European Gth	228.60	243.10†	+2.40	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	150.30	160.60†	+1.30	1.90
Exempt	83.46	85.66	+0.76	3.60
German Growth	56.60	60.26	+0.51	0.70
Global Growth	107.90	115.00	+0.20	...
Japan Growth	207.20	221.90	+0.10	...
Japan Sunrise	181.30	193.60	+0.60	...
Portfolio	117.70	126.10	-0.90	3.20
-do- Acc	209.80	224.70	+1.50	3.20
UK Growth	83.42	88.74	+0.46	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.80	92.83	-0.14	1.90
Select Managers	63.18	67.68	+0.20	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 199 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	104.51	111.77	...	1.87
-do- Inc	95.01	101.61	...	1.87
Global Bond	28.86	30.62†	...	5.37
High Yield Acc	53.33	57.03	...	3.50
-do- Inc	38.71	41.40	...	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	91.52	97.89	...	1.35
-do- Inc	84.12	89.97†	...	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	55.51	59.37	...	...
-do- Inc	54.47	58.26	...	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.89	107.90	...	1.07
-do- Inc	99.51	106.42	...	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.72	37.13	...	1.29
Pacific Growth	104.75	112.03	...	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	86.13	92.12	...	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	126.60	134.90	+0.40	3.10
Smaller Cos Acc	299.50	320.40	-0.40	...
Smaller Cos Inc	174.20	186.40	+0.20	1.16
High Inc	70.49	75.78†	+0.30	6.92
Income	127.90	136.80	+0.50	4.02
Mngd P folio Inc	96.32	102.60	+1.50	1.94
-do- Acc	182.00	193.90	+2.80	...
North American	101.10	107.60	+1.00	0.20
Orient	133.50	143.60†	+1.20	...
Recovery	41.80	44.43†	-0.10	2.49
German	40.55	43.47	+0.16	0.09
Intl Growth	33.07	35.22	+0.17	0.22
European Inc	22.25	23.96	+0.15	0.47
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.95	64.85	+0.05	1.46
-do- Acc	68.72	73.11	+0.07	1.5
Income Fund 3	213.90	227.60	+1.90	4.07
-do- Acc	497.70	529.50	+4.40	4.14
Inv Portfolio	67.48	69.93	+0.43	2.10
-do- Acc	76.21	78.97	+0.58	2.07
Smaller Cos	128.40	136.60	+0.20	1.56
-do- Acc	154.20	164.10	+0.30	1.52
High Inc P folio	60.76	62.97	+0.35	4.60
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 488 7236				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	65.96	66.88	+0.02	5.81
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	135.10	143.80†	+0.70	1.72
UK Growth	147.30	156.80	+0.60	2.14
UK Income	122.80	130.70	+0.70	4.18
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	86.27	92.27	-0.41	1.64
Growth	44.26	47.34	+0.34	3.02
Income	54.44	58.23	+0.45	3.50
Far East	49.23	52.94	-0.20	...
North American	82.28	88.47	+0.81	...
Global	84.46	90.33	+0.43	0.73
European	70.76	75.68	+0.71	1.18
Japan	118.10	126.30	-0.60	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	58.85	62.37	+0.44	5.14
UK Cap Gwth	79.90	85.46	+0.42	1.97
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	127.00	135.20	+0.30	0.22
-do- Acc	135.00	143.70	+0.30	0.22
European	66.39	70.34	+0.70	0.76
-do- Acc	68.81	72.91	+0.73	0.76
Far East Gen	69.40	73.84	+0.23	...
-do- Acc	69.40	73.84	+0.23	...
Glenfriars	255.20	271.50	+0.60	0.68
-do- Acc	287.30	305.70	-0.80	0.68
Growth	380.40	406.90	-1.60	2.24
-do- Acc	651.20	696.50	+2.80	2.24
Income Growth	377.20	401.30	+4.00	3.79
-do- Acc	501.50	533.60	+5.40	3.79
Master Portfolio	9462.0	9808.0	+39.00	2.34
-do- Acc	10950.0	11350.0	-45.00	2.24
Special Sits	87.28	92.86	+0.33	2.21
-do- Acc	102.14	108.66	+0.39	2.21
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1197.0	1235.0†	+12.00	4.36
-do- Acc	1413.0	1457.0	+14.00	4.36
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	189.40	201.90	+0.70	1.64
Capital	534.60	570.50	+4.80	2.38
Eurotrack 100	130.80	139.30	+0.80	1.48
Euro Gth	81.70	87.11	+1.09	1.29
Far East Growth	93.94	100.20	-0.80	0.07
Global Bond	23.76	25.04	+0.14	5.98
Hong Kong	84.43	90.10	-0.01	0.76
Income	501.90	535.60	+4.70	3.89
Intl Growth	74.86	79.89	+0.41	0.98
Japan Growth	286.60	305.80	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.00	39.48	+0.42	...
Japan Index	83.62	89.24	+1.07	0.22
Nth American	428.40	457.20	+2.30	0.48
S pore Mly Gth	54.60	58.27†	-0.34	...
The Pootle Fd	107.20	113.10†	+1.20	2.71
Tiger Index	142.00	151.50	-0.20	0.62
Trade Index	106.03	113.10	+0.20	2.54
UK Index	124.60	132.90	+1.10	2.93
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	82.14	87.75†	...	1.00
European P folio	73.47	78.17	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	69.14	73.48	+0.47	...
Pacific P folio	101.28	108.91†	+0.09	1.11
Cazenove P folio	71.40	76.37	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.06	67.59	...	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.44	50.13	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.87	66.18	-0.96	2.28
Beckman Intl	80.46	84.95	...	1.12
Friars Hse Inc	178.61	192.05†	+1.14	6.06
Friars Hse Cap	246.16	264.69	+0.59	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9828				
Smaller Cos	36.03	38.33	-0.05	1.86
-do- Acc	40.59	43.18	-0.05	1.86
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	57.56	61.55	+0.34	0.22
-do- Acc	59.95	64.12	+0.35	0.22
Quilter	123.39	131.27	+1.06	2.39
-do- Acc	137.04	145.79	+1.18	2.39
Quilter Income	93.99	99.99	+1.05	3.01
-do- Acc	115.84	123.23	+1.30	3.01
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.28	92.28	+0.03	5.03
-do- Acc	92.28	92.28	+0.03	5.03
Fixed Conv	40.66	43.25†	+0.09	6.98
-do- Acc	107.77	114.65	+0.24	6.98
Equity Inc	146.40	155.74	+1.34	3.53
-do- Acc	469.93	499.93	+4.31	3.53
Preference	47.55	50.59	-0.01	7.17
-do- Acc	243.97	259.54	-0.07	7.17
PPT Europe	149.82	159.38	+0.95	1.03
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.14	50.15	+0.04	7.96
PPT Global Bond	84.33	89.63	+0.59	5.51
PPT Gold Com	54.84	58.34	-0.64	...
PPT Oriental Gth	57.71	61.39	+1.49	0.37
PPT Far East Gth	108.22	115.13	+0.67	0.12
PPT High Yield	117.84	125.36	+0.74	4.66
-do- Acc	453.38	482.32	+2.87	4.66
PPT Managed	61.79	65.73	+0.42	3.41
-do- Acc	75.53	80.35	+0.51	3.41
PPT UK General	68.71	73.10	+0.72	2.52
-do- Acc	83.39	88.71	+0.88	2.52
PPT Japan	122.40	130.21	+0.70	...
PPT N Amer	145.43	154.71	+0.53	0.13
PPT UK Gth	118.06	125.60	+1.10	2.02
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	83.04	88.34	+0.27	0.90
Japanese Acc	66.04	70.26	-0.42	...
UK Balncd Inc	126.20	134.30†	+0.70	2.50
-do- Acc	149.00	158.50†	+0.90	2.50
UK Growth Acc	207.10	220.30†	+0.90	2.19
UK High Inc	131.90	140.30†	+1.00	6.77
-do- Acc	159.60	169.80†	+1.30	6.77
N America Acc	108.90	115.90	+0.10	0.33
European Acc	155.80	165.70	+1.90	0.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.40	61.00†	+0.03	8.97
-do- Acc	97.43	103.30†	...	8.97
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.63	51.73	+0.23	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.10	75.64	+0.15	1.76
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	108.40	115.20	+0.20	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	200.40	212.90†	+0.60	1.17
Eurofund	37.81	40.01	+0.25	1.00
Mngd Exempt	165.70	172.70	+2.10	3.04
Growth Inc	214.70	228.10	+1.80	3.73
High Dist	141.30	150.10†	+0.70	5.16
International	321.00	341.10	+1.80	0.95
Intl Income	80.69	86.14	+0.48	3.02
Pacific	59.13	62.83	+0.09	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	76.68	81.47	+0.48	...
Tokyo	216.50	230.00	+1.20	...
Japan Exempt	126.30	129.70	+4.80	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	626.10	643.30	+15.70	0.08
Equity Income	120.60	128.10†	+0.90	3.98
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.726	7.142	+0.062	1.10
Euro Spec Sits	140.40	148.70	+0.60	0.55
Financial	40.47	43.00	+0.37	2.79
Global Opps Inc	87.97	93.47	+0.14	2.15
-do- Acc	91.18	96.88	+0.14	2.15
Gold Gen Inc	47.19	50.14	-0.55	0.86
-do- Acc	90.57	96.23	-1.06	0.86
Income	119.70	127.20†	...	4.01
Japan General	166.70	177.10	+1.10	...
Preference	21.63	22.98†	+0.03	7.91
UK Capital	103.90	110.40	+1.00	3.05
Worldwide Cap	197.90	210.30	+1.30	3.05
World Income	83.83	89.07	+0.04	3.34
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance	177.40	188.70	...	1.06
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	105.27	110.81	+0.77	3.14
High Income	120.19	126.53†	+0.90	4.74
Tst of Inv Tsts	147.07	154.81	+0.69	1.96
Special Sits	86.46	91.01	+0.37	2.48
North American	101.61	106.96	-0.06	0.83
Far Eastern	250.99	264.20	-0.07	1.48
Intl Growth	93.94	98.88	+0.45	1.41
European	63.40	66.74†	+0.01	2.17
Smaller Cos	70.06	73.75†	+0.17	2.21
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 230 787				
United Charities	219.40	233.40†	+2.20	3.34
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.50
European Tst	123.30	131.20	+2.60	...
High Income	25.23	26.55†	+0.14	5.65
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	93.43	98.88	+1.36	0.75
Far Eastern	140.70	150.40	+0.10	...
O'seas Income	86.66	92.60†	+0.15	2.31
UK Growth	94.53	101.10	+0.60	0.96
UK Income	100.10	107.10†	+1.10	3.34
US Smaller Cos	244.80	261.80	+1.50	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	47.87	50.89	+0.17	...
-do- Acc	47.87	50.89	+0.17	...
Am Smllr Co	415.90	444.70	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	424.90	454.30	+1.10	...
Capital	291.20	309.70	+0.60	3.04
-do- Acc	405.60	431.40	+1.00	2.04
Conti Smllr Cos	47.77	51.41†	+0.21	0.78
-do- Acc	49.93	53.73†	+0.22	0.78
Convertible	116.20	123.50	...	5.92
-do- Acc	215.20	228.70	+0.10	5.92
Emg Mark	51.59	55.11	+0.39	...
-do- Acc	51.59	55.11	+0.39	...
European	96.46	103.10†	+0.70	0.94
-do- Acc	100.30	107.20†	+0.70	0.94
Extra Income	295.90	314.70	+1.60	4.00
-do- Acc	414.30	440.60	+2.20	4.00
Financial	103.00	110.60†	+0.50	0.67
-do- Acc	107.80	115.80†	+0.60	0.67
Gilt Gth Tst	60.86	62.76	+0.18	6.94
-do- Acc	78.64	81.09	+0.23	6.94
Health Fund Inc	116.50	124.40	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	116.50	124.40	+0.40	...
Income Tst	178.90	190.20†	+1.80	3.88
-do- Acc	253.50	269.60†	+2.60	3.88
Intl Growth	315.60	337.30	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	350.90	374.60	+1.60	...
Japan Gen	188.60	201.40	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	190.50	203.50	+1.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.81	95.58	+0.36	0.91
-do- Acc	95.48	100.50	+0.40	0.91
Monthly Income	153.00	162.70	+0.90	3.96
Qrtly Inc	48.81	51.91†	+0.19	5.89
-do- Acc	48.93	52.04†	+0.19	5.89
Recovery	291.90	312.10	-0.10	0.62
-do- Acc	341.80	365.50	-0.10	0.62
UK Growth	46.88	50.14	+0.29	2.58
-do- Acc	46.88	50.14	+0.29	2.58
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	346.85	368.99†	+2.35	2.76
-do- Acc	708.25	753.46†	+4.77	2.76
Euro Gth Dist	106.77	113.58	+0.73	0.97
-do- Acc	109.96	116.98	+0.76	0.97
Fixed Int Dist	128.28	135.69†	+0.12	6.40
-do- Acc	218.24	230.84†	+0.19	6.46
Intl Gth Dist	77.50	82.45†	+0.04	0.76
-do- Acc	80.45	85.59†	+0.04	0.76
Nth Amer Dist	164.14	173.88	-0.16	0.86
-do- Acc	178.00	188.56	-0.18	0.86
Pac Basin Dist	254.50	270.74	-1.13	0.08
-do- Acc	258.51	275.01	-1.16	0.08
Stewardship Dist	301.80	321.06†	+0.42	1.74
-do- Acc	359.87	382.84†	+0.51	1.74
Stwd Inc Dist	64.35	68.46†	+0.08	3.19
-do- Acc	79.61	84.69†	+0.10	3.19
N Am Stwd Dist	95.96	102.08	-0.42	...
-do- Acc	101.50	107.98	-0.45	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlmg: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	139.00	148.70	+0.40	...
European	410.60	435.80	+3.20	0.97
Far East General	231.50	247.60	+0.20	0.29
Germany	97.04	102.90	+0.60	0.44
Global Assets In	68.78	73.45†	+0.33	2.19
Global Assets Ac	72.72	77.67	+0.36	2.15
Income Inc	123.10	131.70	+0.20	6.66
International	271.90	290.80	+2.00	0.96
Intl Income	75.04	79.89†	+0.53	4.99
Japan General	382.60	406.80	+1.80	...
Smlr Cos Div	47.29	50.58	+0.11	6.01
UK Capital Inc	169.50	181.30	-0.60	3.81
-do- Acc	290.00	310.20	-1.20	3.62
UK Spec Sits	76.83	82.18	-0.06	1.54
US General	114.30	121.60†	-0.80	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	116.40	124.20	-0.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.24	47.32	-0.43	1.52
Cash Trust*	128.96	128.96†	+0.04	4.94
Pract Inv Inc	103.34	110.71	+0.32	4.09
-do- Acc	221.64	237.68	+0.69	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	104.56	112.13	-0.46	0.91
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.35	27.11	-0.01	8.00
High Inc	31.58	33.78†	+0.11	4.91
UK Equity Inc	128.67	137.62	+1.00	3.92
Global Bond	29.54	30.60	+0.14	4.77
International Funds				
Gold Ind	81.04	86.91†	-0.33	0.67
Frontier Markets	41.58	44.59	-0.06	0.49
Global Inc Gth	118.35	126.29	+0.65	1.69
UK Intl	112.55	120.37†	+0.27	0.25
Overseas Funds				
American	125.52	134.05†	+0.53	0.51
European	82.30	87.31	+0.80	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	96.28	102.73	+0.88	0.89
American Emerg	78.21	83.87	+0.42	...
Hong Kong	118.30	126.86	-0.10	1.83
Japan	238.02	252.80	-1.36	...
Pacific Growth	160.42	172.03†	-0.03	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	128.05	136.95	+0.69	0.37
American Gth	122.77	131.31	+1.00	...
European Gth	66.94	71.56	+0.38	0.42
Japan Gth	83.08	88.86	+0.07	...
Pacific Inc	147.37	157.62	-0.06	2.85
Pacific Strategy	128.07	136.98	+1.30	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.87	74.78†	-0.60	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.05	49.71†	+0.23	2.70
UK Small Cos	46.43	49.68	+1.50	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.30	131.30	+0.10	4.80
Gilt Fixed	119.40	126.80	+0.20	6.17
Growth Equity	286.50	306.00†	+1.90	2.17
Guardhill	426.40	455.50	+2.50	2.21
Income Trust	110.60	118.10	+0.70	3.01
International	157.20	167.90	+0.10	0.36
Japan Trust	130.00	138.80	+0.60	...
Nth American	246.60	263.40	-0.50	0.49
Pacific	369.90	395.10	+0.20	...
European	341.90	365.20†	+1.30	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	35.28	37.40	...	1.68
-do- Acc	36.93	39.15	...	1.68
Inc Adv Inc	29.27	31.00†	...	4.05
-do- Acc	30.68	32.53	...	4.05
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	78.30	83.88	...	0.92
Equity Income	111.50	118.60†	...	3.47
European	131.30	138.90	+0.70	1.14
Intl Situation	75.05	79.84†	+0.24	...
Japanese	151.10	160.30	+0.60	...
North American	94.21	99.96†	-0.84	...
Scandinavian	112.30	118.70	-0.40	...
Smaller Cos	31.32	33.32	+0.07	1.92
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234712				
Amer Smaller	86.83	92.82	-0.27	...
Asian Enterprise	131.15	142.08†	-0.75	0.55
Australian	132.65	141.80	-0.19	1.39
European	370.79	392.52†	+3.49	1.29
European Inc	71.08	75.14	+0.52	2.92
Euro Sml Co	120.53	128.78	+0.85	0.55
Extra Income	257.33	273.95†	+1.91	4.86
Family of Funds	70.53	75.28	-0.35	1.23
Fixed Interest	54.75	58.54†	+0.08	7.64
Global Resour	101.27	108.71	-1.28	0.77
High Inc	290.83	310.89†	+2.19	4.27
Income Gth	234.70	249.95†	+2.00	3.61
-do- Acc	606.58	646.00†	+5.17	3.61
International	228.83	243.69	...	0.94
Japan Spc Sit	255.18	271.60	+1.39	...
Japan	218.99	232.90	+1.39	...
N Amer	214.49	228.27	-0.07	0.25
Pacific Smllr Cos	198.21	214.10	+0.78	0.27
Pref Gilt	45.89	49.55†	+0.07	8.52
Smaller Cos Div	168.43	183.58†	+0.67	3.74
Special Sits	261.11	279.38	+1.51	1.71
-do- Acc	402.35	430.51	+2.33	1.71
Best of British	55.27	59.21†	+0.51	2.98
Spirit of the East	61.50	65.75	-0.26	1.34
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	77.53	82.91	-0.79	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.93	48.81	+0.29	...
-do- Acc	48.63	51.68	+0.30	...
Far East Opps	32.77	35.39†	-0.06	...
-do- Acc	33.82	36.53	-0.06	...
General Growth	98.47	105.49	+0.80	2.00
Global Tech	120.53	130.57†	+0.82	...
Income Growth	102.79	110.53	+0.50	3.39
Income Monthly	56.91	60.86	-0.08	4.25
Japan Growth	87.25	92.91†	+0.85	...
Overseas Gth	76.39	81.24†	+0.70	...
Smaller Cos	74.99	80.63	+0.15	1.53
Special Opps	103.79	111.60	+0.02	2.09
Wld Spec Sits	49.37	52.82	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	49.49	52.94	+0.40	...
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	86.53	92.54†	+0.81	2.27
Capital	155.00	165.70	+1.00	1.90
Dollar	299.10	319.80	+0.20	0.03
European	199.70	213.50	+2.20	0.68
Far East	238.30	254.80	+0.20	0.27
Financial	694.90	743.20	+6.40	1.98
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.54	26.53	+0.04	7.84
High Yield	99.58	106.50†	+0.70	4.60
Income	133.00	142.20	+1.30	3.47
Intl	214.10	228.90	+0.70	0.31
Japan Tech	75.36	80.59	+0.01	...
Nat Resources	58.11	62.14	+0.13	0.48
Security	295.20	315.70	+2.10	1.97
Smaller Cos	110.30	117.90	+0.10	1.26
Special Sits	136.70	146.20	+0.40	1.62
US Smaller Cos	65.51	70.06†	+0.63	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.09	27.44	...	1.51
Special Features	27.02	28.70	+0.18	1.63
-do- Acc	31.90	33.89	+0.21	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.01	56.73†	+0.35	1.89
Assets Earnings	70.60	75.01	+0.58	1.89
do Acc	82.97	88.15	+0.68	1.89
Managed Invex	88.15	94.15	+0.48	1.17
Rupert Children	75.07	80.11	+0.72	1.81
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.68	50.68	+0.01	4.42
Extra Inc	78.98	84.41	+0.30	4.81
Gilt	27.81	29.30	+0.04	6.73
Income Gth	38.48	41.13†	+0.30	3.42
MIMstar	72.52	77.18	+0.06	7.95
Preference	17.53	19.23†	+0.04	6.23
UK Income	307.40	328.60	+2.40	2.02
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	56.47	59.99†	+0.22	1.26
Property Shares	64.44	69.35	+0.02	1.70
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	142.70	150.10†	+0.80	3.73
European Acc	112.10	118.70	+1.40	1.77
European Dist	106.70	113.00	+1.30	1.77
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.75	50.80	+0.10	0.92
European Perf	110.30	117.30	+1.30	1.03
-do- Acc	112.60	119.50	+1.30	1.03
Euro Small Cos	21.24	22.64	+0.27	0.74
French Growth	65.27	69.51	+0.51	0.53
-do- Acc	69.73	74.25	+0.54	0.53
Hong K/China	72.93	78.19	-0.11	1.59
Intl Growth	51.91	55.15	+0.24	0.63
-do- Acc	51.91	55.15	+0.24	0.63
Japan Perf	36.94	39.23†	+0.27	...
Accum Units	36.94	39.23†	+0.27	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.35	41.84	+0.14	...
Singapore Asean	82.99	89.10	+0.16	0.28
-do- Acc	82.90	89.65	+0.16	0.28
South East Asia	239.10	257.10	-0.50	0.93
US Smllr Cos	100.70	106.90	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	101.80	108.10	+0.20	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.22	88.63†	+0.14	2.20
Intl Bond	57.11	57.87	+0.27	6.29
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.54	69.88†	+0.02	5.06
Extra Income	51.04	54.30†	-0.14	7.11
Gilt Yield	116.70	123.10†	+0.10	7.34
Global Income	196.40	208.90†	+1.17	4.19
High Yield	133.90	142.50	-0.25	5.81
Smllr Cos Div	48.06	51.13†	+0.21	4.11
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.85	92.39	+0.87	...
North American	73.28	77.96†	+0.40	0.43
European	131.80	140.20	+1.30	0.83
Euro Special	77.42	82.36	+0.16	0.93
General	262.80	279.60	+2.70	3.19
Japan	454.00	483.00	+4.50	...
Japanese Special	253.20	269.50	+2.20	...
Master Acc	215.10	228.80	+1.20	1.35
Pacific	269.90	287.10	+1.20	0.56
Smaller Cos	98.25	104.50†	+0.28	1.60
UK Equity Gth	36.23	38.54	+0.16	1.69
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	73.35	78.03	+0.70	1.03
Extra Income	23.86	25.38	+0.22	3.28
Far East	27.89	29.67	-0.09	0.86
Income Gwth	72.28	76.89	+0.48	2.80
Intl Growth	51.68	54.98	-0.26	0.67
Japan	67.69	72.01	+0.49	...
Maximum Dist*	100.00	102.00†	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	37.52	39.91†	+0.21	0.27
UK Equity	86.26	91.77†	+0.67	2.98
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.37	56.78	+0.82	4.40
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	423.70	450.70	+3.80	2.87
Equity Acc	804.20	855.50	+7.20	2.87
Equity Income	91.07	96.88	+0.77	5.10
European	95.51	101.60	+0.80	1.68
Far Eastern	188.40	200.40	+0.40	0.29
Fixed Interest	51.22	54.49†	+0.04	6.40
Gilt	89.69	95.11	+0.13	6.47
Global Growth	66.38	70.62†	+0.31	0.74
Intl Bond	56.17	59.75	+0.30	4.75
Japanese	74.66	79.43	+0.23	...
Overseas Equity	95.26	101.30†	+0.20	0.78
Pacific Gth	87.13	92.69	-0.27	1.21
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	310.50	330.40	+1.90	2.87
-do- Acc	682.00	725.60	+4.20	2.87
Conti Euro Gth	50.76	53.44	+0.53	1.51
-do- Acc	53.68	56.51	+0.56	1.51
Extra Inc	237.60	252.80	+1.60	3.84
-do- Acc	587.50	625.00	+3.80	3.84
German Gth	100.50	106.30	+0.60	0.30
-do- Acc	105.90	111.50	-0.60	0.30
Growth Port	487.80	519.00	-1.90	0.90
-do- Acc	487.80	519.00	+1.90	0.90
Income	438.50	466.50	-6.10	3.58
-do- Acc	1126.0	1198.0	-15.00	3.58
Income Port	485.28	516.20	+1.70	4.19
-do- Acc	490.00	521.30	+1.80	4.19
Japan Growth	102.60	109.20	+1.40	0.01
-do- Acc	103.00	109.60	+1.40	0.01
Master Trust	51.85	55.16	+0.25	1.41
-do- Acc	56.39	59.99	+0.27	1.41
N American Gen	177.80	189.20	+1.00	0.01
-do- Acc	205.30	218.50	+1.00	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.10	145.90	...	0.01
-do- Acc	139.90	148.90	...	0.01
Pacific Basin	208.30	221.70	+4.30	0.47
-do- Acc	220.10	234.30	+4.50	0.47
Small Cos Rec	304.90	321.00	+1.00	2.28
-do- Acc	397.10	418.00	+1.20	2.28
UK Growth	78.43	83.44	+1.82	2.27
-do- Acc	91.46	97.30	+2.14	2.27
Worldwide Gth	278.00	295.80†	+1.40	0.17
-do- Acc	409.90	436.10	+2.00	0.17
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	76.83	82.44†	+0.39	3.80
Income	60.00	64.38	+0.28	5.30
International	56.95	61.10†	+0.15	0.70
American	57.93	62.16	+0.02	0.30
Japan	56.90	61.05	+0.26	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	56.25	60.35	+0.21	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	377.00	397.90	-0.70	0.88
-do- Acc	465.10	491.00	-0.80	0.88
American Rec	402.20	425.30†	+0.10	0.22
-do- Acc	460.90	487.30	-0.10	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	116.30	123.20	-0.50	...
Australia Acc	152.40	161.20	...	1.18
Capital	665.80	704.10	-5.10	2.47
-do- Acc	734.60	776.90	+5.00	2.47
Commodity Acc	422.00	446.40	-0.40	0.81
Compnd Gth	812.80	859.70	+4.80	2.90
Dividend	35.10	37.10†	+0.40	4.18
-do- Acc	139.00	146.90	+1.40	4.18
Equity Inc	300.50	317.90	+1.60	4.78
European Div	59.60	63.00	+0.50	4.32
-do- Acc	67.40	71.20	+0.50	4.32
European Gen	385.70	407.90	+2.30	1.14
-do- Acc	481.80	509.60	+2.90	1.14
Extra Yield	375.70	397.30	+3.00	4.38
-do- Acc	1098.5	1161.6	+8.60	4.38
Far Eastern	306.40	324.00	+1.10	0.65
-do- Acc	403.10	426.30	+1.40	0.65
Fund of Inv	500.40	529.30†	+1.90	2.17
-do- Acc	912.80	965.30	+3.50	2.17
General	53.60	56.70	+0.30	3.56
-do- Acc	141.10	149.40	+0.80	3.56
Gilt Fxd Int	61.00	61.30†	+0.20	7.74
do Acc	153.30	153.60	+0.40	7.74
Gold	50.40	53.30	-0.80	1.01
-do- Acc	58.90	62.40	-0.90	1.01
High Inc	24.60	26.00†	+0.10	4.50
-do- Acc	93.10	98.30	+0.50	4.50
Intl Growth	68.40	72.30	+0.10	0.91
-do- Acc	112.90	124.60	+0.10	0.91
Intl Inc	92.60	97.90	+0.30	4.59
Japan Gen Acc	52.60	55.60	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	158.50	167.70	+1.10	...
Midland	55.40	58.60	+0.10	3.22
-do- Acc	177.30	187.60	+0.30	3.22
Recovery	96.80	38.90	+0.10	2.67
-do- Acc	57.90	61.10	+0.20	2.67
Second Gen	61.70	65.20	+0.30	3.40
-do- Acc	150.50	159.60	+0.80	3.40
Smaller Cos	60.50	64.00	+0.30	3.04
-do- Acc	114.60	121.30	+0.60	3.04
Trustee	38.80	41.00	+0.30	3.81
Charibond 3	110.27	...	-0.30	9.77
Charifund 2	629.60	635.60	+4.40	5.21
Pension ex 1	820.50	841.00	+6.10	4.33
NAACIF Inc 3	145.17	...	...	7.88
-do- Acc 3	11093.8	...	-1.70	7.88
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 480, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	136.40	145.80	+0.55	1.99
-do- Acc	151.40	161.90	+0.55	1.99
UK Income	112.90	120.80†	+0.92	2.63
-do- Acc	127.60	136.50†	+0.92	2.63
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	81.49	87.15	+0.13	0.78
Far East (Pacific)	137.50	145.90†	+0.40	0.63
Income Growth	70.57	74.91†	+0.38	3.11
European	67.16	71.29	+0.64	1.27
Nth American	55.10	58.49†	+0.18	1.04
UK Growth	75.77	80.43	+0.35	1.61
Intl Growth	94.96	100.80	+0.30	0.64
Charities	106.20	112.70†	+0.60	3.77
Intl Income	66.69	70.79†	+0.26	4.26
Japan	55.36	58.76	-0.31	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	181.10	192.20	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	193.60	205.40	+0.10	...
Cash	100.70	100.70	...	5.57
-do- Acc	129.60	129.60	+0.10	5.57
European Gth	191.80	203.50	+0.90	0.78
-do- Acc	205.40	217.90	+1.00	0.78
General	458.30	488.90	+3.00	2.47
-do- Acc	871.80	930.00	+5.70	2.47
Global Dix	130.40	137.10	+0.50	5.33
-do- Acc	145.90	153.50	+0.70	5.33
Income	135.50	144.60†	+0.70	4.71
-do- Acc	199.90	213.30	+1.00	4.71
International	383.90	408.20†	+2.30	0.69
-do- Acc	509.20	542.80†	+2.90	0.69
Japan	192.10	203.60	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	197.20	209.30	-0.10	...
New Europe	138.80	148.10	+0.60	1.75
-do- Acc	141.10	150.60	+0.70	1.75
Recovery	292.00	311.50†	+1.40	2.88
-do- Acc	368.90	393.50†	+1.50	2.88
European Inc	73.79	78.37	+0.39	3.11
-do- Acc	93.61	99.42	+0.50	3.11
Brit Blue Chip	71.52	76.14	+0.55	3.31
-do- Acc	84.34	89.80	+0.64	3.31
Portfolio	73.40	78.05	+0.40	2.98
-do- Acc	83.46	88.75	+0.46	2.90
Gold General	112.80	121.20	-3.60	0.77
-do- Acc	114.30	122.90	-3.80	0.77
Pacific	93.52	99.76	-0.18	0.84
-do- Acc	98.81	105.40	-0.20	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	52.83	56.36	+0.15	1.93
-do- Acc	58.95	62.89	+0.16	1.93
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.89	60.85	+0.29	2.91
-do- Acc	57.77	61.79	+0.30	2.91
British Dist	76.51	81.83	+0.63	2.04
-do- Acc	86.61	92.63	+0.71	2.04
European Gth	168.50	180.00†	+2.20	0.48
-do- Acc	211.60	226.00	+2.70	0.48
Extra High Inc	68.03	72.76	+0.31	6.11
-do- Acc	119.60	127.90	+0.50	6.11
FT-SE 100 Index	48.36	51.72	+0.52	2.70
-do- Acc	48.36	51.72	+0.52	2.70
Gilt Fixed Int	55.06	57.32†	+0.05	6.87
-do- Acc	146.90	153.00	+0.20	6.87
High Yield	214.30	229.20†	+0.90	4.79
-do- Acc	503.20	538.20	+2.20	4.79
Income	277.10	296.40	+1.80	3.37
-do- Acc	576.10	616.10	+3.70	3.37
Japan Gth	358.50	383.40	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	378.40	404.70	+2.90	...
Mandarin Acc	98.64	105.50	+0.70	0.70
North American	160.50	171.70†	+0.90	0.45
-do- Acc	202.60	216.70	+1.20	0.45
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gth	256.00	272.70	+0.30	...
Deposit Inc	99.95	99.95†	+0.03	5.09
Deposit Acc	122.62	122.62†	+0.03	5.09
Euro Gth Acc	277.10	296.70†	+1.60	...
Europa	123.70	132.70	+1.40	...
Intl Gth	169.90	181.50†	-0.20	...
Japan Tracker	81.10	85.92†	+0.75	...
UK Equity Inc	143.90	157.30†	+0.90	4.18
-do- Acc	178.90	192.60†	+1.10	4.18
UK Ind Tracker	142.30	152.30	-0.80	3.17
US Eq Ind Trkr	187.20	198.60	+0.40	1.46
-do- Acc	198.00	210.10	+0.40	1.46
Asian Tracker	161.40	174.70†	-0.20	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	161.10	165.00	-0.40	2.32
European	60.82	62.21	+0.58	1.57
Olympiad	54.61	55.96	-0.06	0.33
Global Bond	46.84	47.39†	+0.11	6.69
Smaller Cos	66.68	69.68†	-0.09	0.91
Equity Income	90.28	92.74†	+0.53	5.23
UK Growth	81.70	84.07	+0.27	2.13
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bitton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.20	48.21	+0.04	1.02
Australian Acc	285	303.70	-0.50	...
Conscience	61.92	66.08†	+0.16	1.07
-do- Acc	66.82	71.31	+0.17	1.07
European	166.30	177.60	+2.00	1.09
-do- Acc	179.10	191	+1.90	1.09
Extra Income	71.56	76.37	+0.34	5.81
-do- Acc	109	116.30	+0.50	5.81
Far East Gth	168.50	180.10	+1.10	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.84	61.22	+0.08	6.34
Gold	40.97	44.05	-1.09	...
-do- Acc	44.12	47.44	-1.05	...
Income	50.98	54.37†	+0.35	5.17
-do- Acc	156	166.40	+1.10	5.17
International	29.45	31.59	+0.10	1.04
-do- Acc	42.31	45.39	+0.14	1.04
Jap Sm Cos Acc	356.90	380.60	+2.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	188.60	202.20	-0.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.91	26.78†	...	2.05
Special Sits	32.07	34.48	+0.17	1.80
-do- Acc	36.93	39.70	+0.19	1.80
Tokyo	89.50	95.46	+0.43	...
-do- Acc	90.49	96.42	+0.43	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 33 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	67.51	71.82	+0.51	2.74
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.37	77.05	-0.48	6.68
N&P Higher Inc	190.90	203.10†	+0.60	4.58
N&P UK Income	99.55	105.88†	+0.09	3.89
N&P Intl	86.27	91.78	+0.48	1.58
N&P Smaller Cos	73.90	78.62	-3.01	1.51
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	162.56	172.94	+1.19	2.33
Global	282.93	300.99	+0.81	1.14
Growth	107.47	114.34	+0.99	2.55
Income	199.60	212.35	+1.63	4.40
Intl Bond	125.69	133.47	+0.65	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 280, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.70	142.80†	+0.80	2.59
-do- Acc	240.50	253.10	+1.40	2.59
Income	216.40	230.10	+1.60	3.58
Intl Equity	222.80	236.70	+1.30	0.87
-do- Acc	243.70	259.20	+1.30	0.87
Equity	213.00	226.60	+1.60	2.47
-do- Acc	437.20	465.10	+3.30	2.47
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.68	73.06	+0.45	1.67
UK Income	59.97	63.70	+0.43	3.08
UK Smllr Co Acc	73.97	78.68	+0.13	1.43
New Europe Acc	61.06	64.95	+0.64	1.36
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	95.61	102.36	+0.29	0.20
PEP Gth Inc	100.61	107.61	+0.22	1.22
Intl Gth	486.02	519.81	-0.31	0.63
Income	309.25	330.06	+2.42	3.46
W'wide Recov	309.91	331.46	+0.44	0.27
American Gth	198.49	212.29	-0.57	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	184.10	196.90	-1.20	0.08
Far East Gth	219.58	234.85	-0.81	0.07
European Gth	111.29	119.03	+0.33	1.28
UK Growth	75.55	80.81	+0.09	3.00
High Income	83.11	88.89	+0.65	4.52
Japanese Gth	227.29	241.73	+0.01	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	172.90	184.00	+0.70	0.86
High Income	106.30	113.10	+0.70	3.74
Conv Gilt	109.00	115.90†	+0.20	6.16
Far East	310.30	330.10	+0.20	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.11	33.10	+0.20	3.15
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX, 0622 674751				
American	49.81	52.99	+0.14	0.21
Emerging Mkts	64.95	69.10	+2.22	0.57
General	46.80	49.79†	+0.45	3.22
International	83.81	89.16	+1.22	1.36
Gilt Units	25.15	25.93†	+0.04	7.43
Global PEP	34.83	37.05	+0.25	2.09
Income Gth	64.68	68.81†	+0.69	4.76
European	41.97	44.65	+0.39	0.68
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.02	26.62†	-0.09	5.87
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925691				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.14	33.30	+0.10	1.87
Pru Cth Hvn Inc	101.21	101.21†	+0.03	5.18
-do- Acc	105.33	105.33†	+0.03	5.18
Pru Equity	650.23	695.43	+5.77	2.49
Pru Equity Inc	77.09	82.44†	+0.70	4.66
Pru European	170.86	182.73†	+1.69	1.24
Pru Global Gth	79.03	84.52	-0.48	1.27
Pru High Inc	82.42	88.14†	-0.68	5.00
Pru Intl	161.26	172.47	+0.67	0.99
Pru Intl Sm Co	69.23	74.04	+0.29	0.64
Pru Japanese	209.21	223.75	+1.38	...
Pru Nth Amer	136.40	145.97†	-0.40	0.86
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.33	81.63	-0.22	1.33
Pru Premr Inc	48.81	50.83	+0.06	7.53
Pru Smllr Cos	82.06	87.76†	+0.28	1.97
Pru Spec Sits	97.60	104.38	+0.78	2.31
Pru UK Growth	108.87	116.43	+0.85	2.32
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2861/4				
NC Income	150.57	162.19†	+1.38	3.62
NC Japan	287.88	308.45	-2.07	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.83	97.57†	+0.59	2.73
NC America Inc	463.83	497.35	-1.17	0.76
-do- Acc	538.74	577.67	-1.36	0.76
NC Smlr UK Cos	266.33	290.32	+0.63	1.50
NC European	250.54	267.71	+2.36	1.39
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	70.33	74.81†	-0.37	3.77
Capital Units	143.30	152.30†	+0.70	1.29
Commodity	100.70	107.10	-0.50	1.22
European Gth	152.40	162.10	+0.90	1.31
Financial Sec	169.70	180.50†	+1.10	1.87
High Return	213.40	227.00	+1.70	4.41
High Yield	201.90	214.70	+1.60	4.07
Income Units	108.10	115.00	+0.70	4.98
Investment	174.80	185.90	+0.20	1.11
Japan Gth	162.10	172.40	+0.30	...
Japan Smaller	196.40	208.90†	+0.90	...
Masterfund	46.44	49.40†	+0.09	1.29
Scotbits	248.30	264.10	+1.80	1.56
Scotshares	256.10	272.40†	+0.60	2.26
Scotyields	220.90	235.00	+1.70	3.94
Select Intl	128.10	136.20	+0.10	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.30	242.80	+0.30	3.96
Special Situation	109.50	116.40†	...	0.83
UK Equity	222.70	236.90	+1.60	2.68
US Growth	134.70	143.20	-0.30	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	228.53	243.71†	-0.64	0.51
-do- Acc	247.61	264.05	-0.66	0.51
Australian	122.26	130.41	+0.10	0.92
-do- Acc	143.74	153.31	+0.11	0.92
UK Enterprise	211.17	225.24	+1.51	2.36
-do- Acc	243.94	260.20	+1.74	2.36
European Gth	60.62	64.45†	+0.28	1.50
-do- Acc	62.97	66.94	+0.30	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	55.58	59.29†	+0.29	0.43
-do- Acc	55.96	59.69	+0.29	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	72.89	77.74	-0.25	...
-do- Acc	74.06	79.00	-0.25	...
Fixed Interest	52.68	55.56	+0.06	6.96
-do- Acc	63.98	67.47	+0.08	6.96
Gilt Income	102.18	107.67	+0.17	7.63
-do- Acc	142.71	150.38	+0.24	7.63
Income	314.76	335.74	+3.63	3.88
-do- Acc	928.44	990.35	+10.73	3.88
Japan Enterprise	71.89	76.46	+0.44	...
-do- Acc	71.60	76.46	+0.44	...
Japan Smllr Cos	501.68	535.12	+3.17	...
-do- Acc	502.68	536.19	+3.18	...
Pacific Gth	98.94	102.76	+0.85	0.07
-do- Acc	99.20	105.81	+0.87	0.07
Smaller Cos	189.00	201.59†	+1.10	0.80
-do- Acc	218.39	232.94	+1.27	0.80
Tokyo	112.27	119.75	+0.59	...
-do- Acc	113.40	120.96	+0.59	...
UK Equity	209.25	223.20	+1.77	2.63
-do- Acc	387.51	413.34	+3.27	2.63
US Smllr Cos	130.03	138.69†	-0.38	...
-do- Acc	130.03	138.69	-0.38	...
World Fd	70.53	75.23	+0.52	1.45
-do- Acc	74.36	79.31	+0.54	1.45
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.47	49.49	-0.05	3.50
Equity Strategy	63.75	67.89	+0.25	3.22
European Opps	71.11	75.73	+0.44	1.13
Maximum Inc	99.20	101.76	+0.05	5.46
UK Smaller Cos	53.51	56.99	-0.04	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	342.30	365.70	+3.20	2.78
American	237.60	252.30	+2.00	0.94
Pacific	339.90	362.50	+0.70	0.60
European	447.40	478.30	+3.90	1.29
Worldwide	70.48	75.30	+0.49	1.08
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	300.20	319.40†	+1.50	2.60
UK Sm Cos Eqty	216.20	219.40†	-0.40	1.89
European	179.50	190.40	+1.00	1.71
North American	244.70	260.40	-0.10	0.49
Income Plus Inc	65.33	69.51	+0.57	3.60
UK Spec Sits	[illegible]	70.82	+0.51	2.63
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.54	27.12	+0.12	2.85
Intl Growth Acc	29.29	31.35	+0.13	1.02
Market Lnks Acc	25.90	27.72	+0.08	2.94
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SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	$97.90		+0.15	
Global Bond	$95.93		+0.03	7.50
Japan Samurai	¥101.30		+0.20	
UK Growth	$106.75	...	-0.07	4.12
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.97	46.72	...	1.69
Equity Gth Acc	59.56	63.20	-0.10	1.51
UK Eq General	41.44	44.81	...	2.28
-do- Acc	54.78	58.21	...	2.28
European Acc	41.33	43.92	+0.30	1.29
Far East Acc	56.43	59.96	-0.30	0.11
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.04	31.77	...	6.66
N American Acc	42.15	44.79	-0.10	0.79
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	280.10	304.00	-0.30	1.48
UK Eq High Inc	34.85	37.03	-0.10	3.69
-do- Acc	41.38	43.97	-0.10	3.69
UK Lgr Cos Inc	285.30	309.60	-0.20	3.81
UK Lgr Cos Acc	371.50	403.10	-0.30	3.81
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Bitchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.69	N283.92	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.054	$2.181	...	0.83
Far East Eq	Y246.5	Y261.8	...	...
Japan Eq	Y250.3	Y265.9	...	...
FT Europe	111.70	116.60	...	2.19
FT North Am	$1.704	$1.806	...	1.09
FT Japan	Y245.2	Y260.5	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.925	$2.044	...	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	328.50	350.00	+1.50	0.32
British	929.90	983.80	+4.60	4.18
European	390.50	415.90	+3.40	1.40
Japan	152.10	161.50	+1.20	...
New Pacific	291.50	310.40†	+0.30	1.50
Mngd Cash	96.07	96.07	...	5.00
Majority Stg	100.26	101.27	+0.03	4.76
Inv Tst	189.00	200.30	+1.10	1.79
Saints PPP	360.80	379.80	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin: 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690399				
Equity Acc	718.40	768.30	+5.20	3.22
N America Acc	112.00	119.80	+0.10	0.30
Far East Acc	126.00	134.80	+1.90	...
W wide Bond	60.34	64.00	+0.21	5.42
European	82.59	88.33	+0.99	0.73
Equity Income	81.03	86.66†	+1.67	4.31
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.45	35.78	+0.13	0.61
Managed Assets	118.13	126.35	+0.93	3.44
UK Income	35.98	38.49†	+0.25	3.14
UK Growth	36.10	38.62	+0.20	2.31
Worldwide Gth	31.09	33.26†	+0.21	0.37
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	200.11	212.88	+1.66	0.14
-do- Acc	219.78	233.81	+1.82	0.14
British Gth	84.99	90.41	+0.87	1.92
-do- Acc	100.00	106.38	+0.80	1.92
European	91.69	97.54	-0.29	1.14
-do- Acc	96.72	102.89	-0.30	1.14
Extra Inc	183.37	195.07	-0.10	4.00
-do- Acc	292.52	311.19	-0.15	4.00
General Unit	264.32	281.19	+2.25	2.44
-do- Acc	521.55	554.84	+4.44	2.44
Income	316.20	336.38†	+2.60	3.62
-do- Acc	657.09	699.03†	+5.41	3.62
International	481.35	512.07	+1.88	0.46
-do- Acc	630.13	670.35	+2.46	0.46
Pacific	344.20	366.17†	+3.83	...
-do- Acc	361.56	384.64†	+2.99	...
Premier Income	50.41	52.51	+0.18	6.62
-do- Acc	105.09	109.49	+0.37	6.62
Nat Resources	115.64	123.02	-1.02	0.10
-do- Acc	126.91	135.01	-1.11	0.10
Selected Opps	97.94	104.19	+1.28	1.15
-do- Acc	122.62	130.45	+1.61	1.15
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smll Cos	78.29	83.50	+2.11	...
-do- Acc	80.74	86.12	+2.19	...
European Opps	60.27	64.17	+0.41	0.46
-do- Acc	60.89	64.84	+0.44	0.46
Far East Opps	155.34	165.09	+0.75	...
-do- Acc	158.96	169.95	+0.75	...
Japan	91.34	97.11	+0.69	...
-do- Acc	91.34	97.11	+0.69	...
Little Dragons	73.86	78.57	+0.22	0.63
-do- Acc	75.83	80.88	+0.23	0.63
Oriental Income	44.23	47.17	+0.13	3.97
-do- Acc	56.39	60.14	+0.16	3.97
Tiger	215.67	230.04	-0.37	1.38
-do- Acc	226.38	241.68	-0.40	1.35
UK Small Cos	75.31	80.34	-0.09	1.97
-do- Acc	87.86	93.96	-0.11	1.97
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	15.98	17	-0.11	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.27	33.26	+0.08	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.61	38.94	+0.02	...
Global Bond	$0.958	$0.998	+0.003	2.38
Penny Share	25.14	26.74	-0.42	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.81	52.83	...	4.40
Gilt Growth	66.08	66.70	+0.05	...
Gilt Income	51.82	53.93	+0.01	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	105.70	108.10	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.714	$0.723	+0.000	...
Challenger	90.84	92.94	+0.02	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	67.92	72.25	+0.09	2.03

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Russian planemakers go for the hard sell in Paris



Air time: Antonov's "Firekiller" plane at Le Bourget

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

PSST! Wanna buy some vodka? A CD of Rachmaninov? Or how about a MiG 29 with heat-seeking missiles and a cast-iron service contract? The sales pitch for all of these items can be heard at stalls a few yards from each other at the Paris air show where the Russians have turned up in force in an attempt to earn the currency that is vital for saving their illustrious plane makers.

If you do not fancy the MiG or, perhaps, the sinister Kamov-50 "Black Shark" attack helicopter, then your custom will be appreciated at the souvenir stand. Among the blazers and champagne crowd at the Western chalets, the talk at Le Bourget this year is all gloom, a stark contrast to the post Gulf war euphoria of the last show, in 1991. Airline wars, recession and decimated defence budgets have made for a sour mood typified by Airbus and Boeing's mutual charges of cheating over last year's accord to limit government subsidies to three per cent of turnover.

The big exception to the gloom are the Russians, who are running around like schoolboys trying to drum up interest in the extraordinary display of hardware, ranging from the celebrated Sukhoi-27 interceptor to spindly aerobatic craft and a microlight biplane, turned out by the design bureaux whose very names used to strike fear in the Pentagon.

Of the 70 aircraft flying at the show, 20 are Russian, compared with just five American planes, a ratio that in the old days would have provided a feast for Nato intelligence. This year, the Americans were too busy trying to make sure the French were not stealing their secrets.

Long the spoiled children of the Kremlin, the former Soviet plane makers have been turned loose to earn their own keep. From the public view, the king of their display is still the sleek twin-tailed Sukhoi, which has been exciting the crowds with its sit-up-and-beg "cobra" stunt. But unlike previous air shows, the Russians say that they are not trying to impress their adversaries with their exotic, gigantic and notoriously unreliable craft.

They now want to sell and they recognise this will sometimes mean ditching the inferior engines and electronics in favour of the Western-made version. This year, Antonov, the Ukraine-based company, is offering what it calls the "Firekiller", a conventional turbo-prop converted for tackling forest fires. On the military side, where the only real Western star of the show is the new Dassault Rafale, the Russians are offering to deliver MiG 29s tailor-made to the customer's requirements with guarantees of service.

In the present aerospace famine, the Western makers are no longer dismissing Russian aircraft exports as a joke. No one imagines the premium airlines will be ditching their Boeings and Airbuses, but the Russians could tempt a few companies in China and other emerging countries with low-cost hybrids which marry the best of native airframe design with Western equipment. "Perhaps we were a little hasty in helping them out," one British executive said.

Incentives toned down for third BT sell-off

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

■ The government denies it is "massaging" the BT share price by favouring institutions that are buyers of existing shares before the sale of the third and last tranche

THE first payment for shares in the government's third sale of BT shares next month will be 150p for public investors, Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday.

The government's remaining 22 per cent stake is to be sold in three instalments over 15 months. The second instalment will be 140p, payable in March next year.

The price of the third instalment, to be paid the following October, will be fixed by reference to the price that institutions tender for the shares and will be announced before start of trade on Monday July 19.

Institutions bidding for shares in the international side of the BT3 share offer will pay a premium to the UK public offer price, as in previous privatisations. The size of the discount will not be published until the size of the first international instalment is announced when the prospectus is published on June 29.

Small investors are being encouraged to register through a Share Shop or the Share Information Office, with the offer of either a discount of 10p on each of the second and third instalments, on allocations of up to 1,000 shares, or a one-for-15 share bonus after three years, on allocations up to 1,500 shares, giving a maximum entitlement of 100 bonus shares. Those applying through a Share Shop will also be eligible to receive greater preference in allocation of shares than those applying through the Share Information Office if there is heavy demand.

The incentives are less attractive than they were in BT2, when the government offered 15p off the second and third instalments. That worked out at an 8.5 per cent discount off the 350p strike price.

With BT3, the two 10p discounts work out at 5 per cent off yesterday's 421p BT share price. The cut off date for registration with the Share Shop or Share Information Office is Friday, July 2. The UK public offer closes at 10am on Wednesday July 14 and the international offer, including retail tender, closes on July 16.

Mr Dorrell said that 1.8 million potential new investors have registered their interest in the offer, in addition to the 2.4 million employees and existing shareholders. Of the 1.8 million, more than 700,000 had registered through a Share Shop, he said.

Existing shareholders will receive preference in allocation of shares over new applicants, but for even greater preference they should register with a share shop, SG Warburg, which is advising the government on the sale, said yesterday.

Mr Dorrell dismissed criticism of the government's advertising campaign. He said share shops, which have complained that they are being sidelined in the share offer are "understating their own success".

He also denied that the government is "massaging" the price by favouring institutions that buy BT shares before the issue over those which sell, saying the government is not forcing institutions to do anything, "we are simply anxious to ensure that there would be an orderly market".

The minimum application for the public offer is 120 shares, with a first instalment payment of £180. Private investors who wish apply for large numbers of shares can participate in the retail tender, which is part of the international offer.

The minimum application for personal equity plan applicants in the retail tender will be 1,000 shares and the maximum will be 2,000 shares. For other applicants in the retail tender, the minimum application will be 2,000.

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TED BATH



Improving picture: John Clark, BET chief executive, backed by a former chairman

BET cuts payout and losses

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

BET, the business services group, has cut its final dividend to 1.25p from 2.25p, making 3.25p for the year to end March, down from 6.5p. The company had said in November it intended to maintain the dividend but said yesterday the cut was intended to preserve cash for future expansion.

The group turned in a loss for the year of £9.8 million, an improvement on the £448.4 million loss the previous year. Operating profit has fallen from £138.3 million to £74.2 million before exceptional charges of £76 million. These were to cover a fall in asset values and costs of reorganisation, largely on management cutbacks from approaching 400 to 50 at the central operation and restructuring at the profit centres.

After payment of the dividend, BET is showing a loss of £65.1 million or losses per share of 4p against 63.3p last time. However, the profit and loss account in the balance sheet shows a rise from £42.8 million to £152.3 million, thanks partly to the transfer of £145 million from the merger premium account. The cost of the ordinary dividend has been reduced from £48 million to £30.4 million. BET sold 27 businesses in the past year and in the past two years has reduced the number of profit centres from 160 to 80.

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Millwall talks to investors

Millwall Holdings, the parent company of Millwall Football Club, is in preliminary talks with parties interested in taking a substantial, though not controlling, stake in the group.

Reg Burr, chairman, said some business diversification was also on the cards if the investors join the company. He said their potential stake would be "substantial" but would not amount to a full bid. A further statement was probable within weeks.

Chillington up

Chillington Corporation, the diversified industrial, plantations and agricultural hand tools group, lifted pre-tax profits 47.8 per cent to £955,000 in the year to end-December. An 0.25p final (nil) makes a reduced total of 0.25p (0.5p). In view of improved trading, an 0.75p interim will be paid with the interim results.

Reed closer

Reed Elsevier has cleared its first hurdle in acquiring the Official Airlines Guides Inc from the joint administrators of Maxwell Communication Corporation. It still needs to carry out the due diligence process of checks on OAG's finances and more detailed contract negotiations.

Stratagem rises

Stratagem Group, the investment company, is paying an interim dividend of 1.5p (nil) after reporting a pre-tax profit of £272,000 in the half year to end-February, compared with a restated loss of £221,000.

Nissan UK chief 'cheated' Revenue out of £97m

BY RICHARD DUCE

A MULTI-MILLION pound tax fraud was carried out by the managing director of Nissan UK Ltd, a court was told yesterday. Over 17 years, Michael Hunt cheated the Inland Revenue out of corporation tax worth more than £97 million, it was alleged by Peter Rook, QC, prosecuting for the Serious Fraud Office.

The prime mover in the fraud, involving a "morass of false documentation" was Octav Botnar, the former head of Nissan UK, which used to import and distribute Britain's best-selling foreign-made car. A warrant is still out for the arrest of Mr Botnar who is thought to be in Switzerland.

Mr Hunt, 59, of Hove, East Sussex, denies two counts of conspiracy to cheat and two of conspiracy to make use of false accounting documents between 1975 and December 1991. Mr Hunt has not given or called any evidence.

In his closing speech to the Southwark Crown Court, Mr Rook said: "You have been listening to an extraordinary story ... a story of massive fraud perpetrated over many years, a fraud perpetrated on the UK revenue who were cheated of more than £97 million and that is without looking at the interest."

It is alleged that the fraud centred on secretly siphoning off £219 million from the company profits and then laundering money through bank accounts in Geneva.

Mr Hunt together with other "sophisticated fraudsters" covered their tracks with false documentation as well as sham shipping agents in The Netherlands and Norway according to Mr Rook.

He told the jury, sitting at Chichester Rents in Chancery Lane, that the evidence against Mr Hunt was overwhelming. He dismissed the defence claim that the fraud had been carried out abroad by other people against the Japanese tax authorities. "If that were the case then for all those years, 1976 right through to 1991, Mr Botnar and Mr Hunt would have been innocent dupes," Mr Rook said.

"The prosecution say that when you look at the evidence it all points in one direction, a fraud upon the UK revenue."

The trial continues today.

Fewer company failures

BY SARAH BAGNALL

COMPANY failures in the first three months of 1993 rose slightly from the previous quarter but fell by about 15 per cent from the comparable quarter last year, according to the quarterly review from Trade Indemnity, the trade credit insurer.

But the credit insurance group said "recovery will be slow by historical standards and will be battling against a 50 mile an hour headwind for some time to come".

The number of failures reported by Trade Indemnity's policyholders — companies which insure against their customers going bust — stood at 1,767 in the first quarter of 1993, compared to 2,074 in the corresponding quarter in 1992.

However, the insurer said credit risk "will deepen" over the next few months in EC markets, to which 58 per cent of UK exports go. This, the review states, is partly the result of continental Europe's "infatuation" with the deflationary process towards a single currency. As a result "there is no room for complacency and firms must continue to improve their credit management techniques", said a spokeswoman.

The review highlights the continuing problem of late payment of debts — only 2 per cent of small companies are being paid on time — and Trade Indemnity believes the damage potential has "so far been underestimated".

A geographical breakdown reveals that businesses in the North of England and Scotland continue to suffer despite the drop in failures.

A more golden future for gold

FROM COLIN CAMPBELL IN ISTANBUL



Golden cheer from Turkey

GEORGE Soros was not at the World Gold Council annual meeting in Istanbul, but he was still a star at the show. For Mr Soros has helped to draw gold to everybody's attention again in 1993 and his buying of the metal has complemented the already solid fundamental ground that has been laid under the gold market.

However, even without him, or Sir James Goldsmith, there was no shortage of others to preach the message that gold has come in from the cold. And it is here to play an increasing investment and monetary role in a turbulent financial world.

From China, delegates were told that demand for gold is still strong and rising, and that its demands in 1993 are expected to rise to 645 tonnes. Gold's bogeymen remain the central banks, whose intentions towards the metal and its role as a constituent of their foreign exchange reserves, will have a critical influence on the direction of the gold price.

After last year's sales of gold reserves by the central banks of Belgium and The Netherlands, there is a feeling that central banks are more likely to want to keep their gold.

There is likely to be much shuffling of gold holdings, and bullion markets could be volatile. Canada remains a committed seller of its bullion reserves. But statements by the more influential central banks that include the Bundesbank and indications from the Bank of England, that central bank selling was not likely to continue at last year's heavy pace have, delegates were told, outweighed the harm of last year's Dutch/Belgium selling, and have effectively put a floor under the gold price.

The World Gold Council, through one of its special committees, is advising a number of central banks, including Russia, on the constitution of their reserves. Richard Scott-Ram, of the gold council, said there was a valid case why certain central banks should diversify into gold. Robert Guy, a director of NM Rothschild & Sons, the bullion/banking house, said at the Financial Times World Gold Conference here that the gold market has turned for good fundamental reasons, that central bank sales are seen as less of a threat.

Istanbul is an increasingly important place for gold trading. As a Turkish delegate, said: "Here, you can stroll through the Grand Bazaar and buy gold chains, and you can eat gold in a cup of soup, or buy a bottle of liqueur with gold flakes in it and drink gold." Officials handed out bottles of the gold-flaked liquer to prove it, thus giving new meaning to the concept of Turkish delight.

East Midlands Electricity plc

PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1993

Turnover	£1.57 billion up 1.7%	Earnings per share	53.3 pence up 6.4%
Profit before tax	£155.1 million up 3.4%	Dividend per share	19.5 pence up 14%

Positive action prepares ground for further progress.

- Operating profit increased by 2.9% to £162.1 million
- Operating profit, before exceptional items, increased by 11.8%
- Strong performance from the electricity business
- Growth in units distributed
- Core electricity business being restructured
- Gearing reduced to 22.2%

"The company has had a successful year. The core businesses of electricity distribution and supply have performed particularly well. The positive action that has been taken by the board has prepared the ground for further progress particularly through efficiency gains in the years ahead."

John Harris
Chairman and chief executive
14th June, 1993

East Midlands Electricity

The Annual Review will be posted to all shareholders in early July.
Copies are available by writing to the Company Secretarial Department, East Midlands Electricity plc, 398 Coppice Road, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 7HX.

Exports revive Kenwood

Kenwood Appliances, maker of kitchen equipment, raised pre-tax profits by 3.6 per cent to £9.6 million in the year to March 31, after sales growth of 10.4 per cent to £102 million.

Sterling helped exports, enabling Kenwood to recover lost ground. The company, launched on the stock market in July, issued a profits warning three months after dealings commenced, because sales had failed to meet forecasts. The total dividend is 5.85p, equivalent to 7.8p if the company had been listed for a whole year.

Beverley ahead

Beverley Group, the specialist pumps-to-construction services group, moved back into the black in 1992, transforming losses of £2.6 million into a taxable profit of £63,000.
The board says a dividend would not be prudent (0.625p).

M&W jumps

M&W, the convenience store group, unveiled a 40 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £927,000 (£664,000) in the six months to end-March. Interim dividend is 1.1p (1p).

Treatt advances

Improved margins helped Treatt, the distiller of oils and aromatic chemicals, lift pre-tax profits 12.8 per cent to £644,000 in the six months to end-March. The interim is 1.1p (1p).

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Allied-Lyons	545p (+15p)
Bass	478p (+11p)
MJ Gleeson	878p (+10p)
Transfer Tech	559p (+14p)
Commercial Union	597p (+11p)
Clayform	26p (+10p)
Anglia TV	317p (+10p)
Euro Disney	840p (+25p)
Frost Group	214p (+11p)
Gestetner	115p (+11p)
Lex Service	366p (+10p)
ICI	707p (+16p)
Beales Hunter	292p (+12p)
Critchley	365p (+10p)
FALLS:	
ADT	588p (-10p)
JW Spear	525p (-75p)
Br Aerospace	400p (-10p)
Danka Bs Sys	775p (-10p)
SKF 'B'	762½p (-25p)

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RECENT ISSUES

AG Holdings (125)	128	...
Break for the Border (48)	58	...
Brunicliffe Aggregates (25)	33	...
China Inv Trust (100)	94	+1
China Inv Warrants	52	+1
Division Group (40)	84	-4
Drew Scientific (105)	131	...
Fleming Chrhse C (100)	104	+2
Inveresk (150)	170	...
Irish Continental	165	...
OGC (130)	129	-2

STOCK MARKET

New hope of cut in base rates pushes shares sharply higher

ANOTHER cut in bank base rates is back on the City's agenda following news of a softening in both French and Italian rates. Institutional investors are now hoping this latest move will apply pressure to the Bundesbank to cut German rates and pave the way for the possible cut of a half point by the Bank of England. As a result, share prices were marked sharply higher with dealers continuing to report a certain amount of follow-through from Friday's US inflation figures. Shortages of stock helped squeeze prices higher.

But in spite of another firm start to trading on Wall Street, prices in London closed below their best with the FT-SE 100 index jumping 23.7 at 2,885.5 having been almost 30 points up. By the close 500 million shares had changed hands.

It could be an anxious time for investors today waiting for what the new Chancellor Kenneth Clarke has to say about the economy in his speech at the Guildhall tonight.

British Airways firmed 2p to 294p. At least 92 per cent of its £454 million rights issue at 245p has been taken up by shareholders. **Saatchi & Saatchi**, the advertising agency, slipped 1p to 165p although acceptances for its rights issue also reached 92 per cent.

BT jumped 10½p to 432½p as details of the sell-off were announced. The first instalment for the partly-paid shares will be 150p, with the second at 140p. But private investors do not appear to be showing the same enthusiasm for the sale as previous privatisations.

Fisons ended the day 6½p better at 161½p in response to the launch of Tilade, its anti-asthma drug, in the US. But there was little support for the rest of the sector.

Unilever rose 13p to £10.44 before a presentation in London this week which is expected to contain an up-beat message, similar to a presentation in Holland last week.

Ladbroke, the hotel, betting and property group, fell 7p to 178p after a cautious view on current trading prospects by chairman Cyril Stein. Net debt remained at similar levels but the cost of servicing it was continuing to rise. Its Texas Homecare stores group was also feeling the squeeze of the bitter DIY price war. Fears over rising debt costs caused Nigel Reed of Paribas after the AGM to cut his pre-tax profit forecast for Ladbroke for the current year by £20 million to £165 million.

Rank Organisation touched 760p before settling 6p better at 754p amid revived talk that Channel 4 supremo Michael Grade was putting together a consortium to offer up to £400 million for the group's film interests. Rank has always been insistent that the business is not for sale but its high level of debt may force it to consider an offer.

Airtours added 5p at 323p after announcing plans to acquire Hogg Robinson's 214-strong branch travel agency business for about £25 million.

Securiguard fell 3p to 300p as it continued to urge shareholders to reject the 270p a share cash offer from Rentokil, valuing the business at £59.2 million. On Friday, Rentokil extended the terms a further seven days after announcing it had received acceptances of only 1.35 per cent. Rentokil finished the session 5p dearer at 184p. Speculators believe Rentokil will be forced to increase its offer soon after meeing analysts later this week. Institutions acounting for 50 per cent of Securiguard's equity say they will not consider an offer of less than 350p.

First time dealings in **AG Holdings**, Britain's biggest manufacturer of despatch and shipping reels used for storing and dispensing cable and wire rope, got off to an encouraging start in first time trading. Placed at 125p, the shares started life at 132p before settling at 128p.

There were some firm spots in the drinks sector as institutional investors began to take the view that the sector has been left behind. Shortages of stock helped to exaggerate some price movements. There were gains for **Allied-Lyons** of 15p to 545p, **Bass** 11p to 478p, **Guinness** 9p to 493p, **Grand Metropolitan** 6p to 418p, **Scottish & Newcastle** 8p to 472p, **Whitbread A** 8p to 487p and **Wolverhampton & Dudley** 3p to 518p.

BET rose 2½p to 110p, despite remaining in the red and cutting the final dividend. The group recorded a pre-tax loss of £9.8 million compared with the previous year's restated deficit of £448.4 million.

☐ The gilt market enjoyed a revival of institutional support, with investors continuing to take their cue from Europe. In futures, the September series of the long gilt rose seven ticks to £104 13/16 in trading which saw only 21,000 contracts completed.

The Bank of England managed to exhaust supplies of Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017, which was only issued on Friday. Later this week the Bank is expected to announce details of its next gilt auction which brokers say will be pitched at the short end.

MICHAEL CLARK



Roll up: Richard Batterby and Ray Tonkinson, of AG Holdings, made a good debut

Comac, the computer personnel group, surged 23p to 67p. Philip Swinstead, of SD-Scicon fame, has bought 19.5 per cent of the shares and been appointed chief executive. The shares came from Hillsdown, which has sold all its 47 per cent stake at 60p.

Opec's latest disagreement over production quotas upset the oil sector. NatWest Securities said the setbacks should be used to buy stocks positioned for the long term, including BP, down 4p at 310p, Clyde, unchanged at 55½p and Lasmo, steady at 160p.

Record yen goes on climbing

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

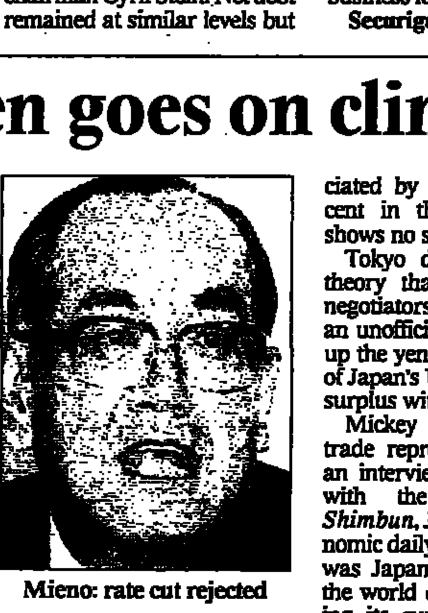
THE yen rose to another postwar record in the Tokyo markets yesterday, closing at Y105.20 to the US dollar, in spite of rumoured efforts by the Bank of Japan to intervene, with large-scale buying of dollars.

Government officials attempted to calm the agitated markets by implying that the rise was not only speculative but also temporary. Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan, ruled out the possibility of cutting the official discount rate, which stands at a postwar low of 2.5 per cent, as a defence against further appreciation.

A senior Japanese official said the yen's rise against the dollar would stop if the Americans would only understand that the dollar's weakness would ultimately have an adverse effect on the US economy. The yen has appreciated by more than 30 per cent in the past year and shows no signs of flagging.

Tokyo dealers favour the theory that American trade negotiators have embarked on an unofficial policy of talking up the yen to stop the growth of Japan's US$40 billion trade surplus with America.

Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, said in an interview at the weekend with the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, Japan's leading economic daily newspaper, that it was Japan's duty to support the world economy by reducing its current account surplus, which rose to $117.62 billion last year from $72.90 billion the year before, through further domestic stimulus and new measures to open its domestic market.



Mieno: rate cut rejected

GEC takes one-third stake in Eurorail

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

GEC is taking a stake in Eurorail, the Channel Tunnel rail link company owned by Trafalgar House and BICC, in a move which the company claims will enhance its ability to bid for major rail infrastructure projects in the UK.

Eurorail said yesterday that GEC is to become an equal shareholder in the jointly-owned company, bringing in further engineering and managerial skills as well as increased City credibility in terms of generating funding for large-scale private-sector infrastructure projects.

The company also said that Lord Parkinson, who as Cecil Parkinson was a Conservative transport secretary, has been appointed chairman.

Eurorail said with the inclusion of GEC, the three shareholders now possessed project management, design and engineering capabilities, construction and technical skills, an understanding of the rail passenger and freight business and "the credibility in the City and internationally to facilitate private sctor funding of rail projects".

Eurorail will try to take advantage of the government's privatisation plans, the London CrossRail project and the upgrading of the West Coast main line, as well as the tunnel link.

WORLD MARKETS

Kodak gives some snap to listless Dow

New York — US shares were flat at midday before Tuesday's US consumer price index for May. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.36 points at 3,511.37.

Advancing shares and declining issues were about even. US Treasuries were narrowly mixed, with the long bond up 1/32 to yield 6.80 per cent. Analysts said the Dow's strength was due to Eastman Kodak, which was upgraded to a buy from neutral by Dean Witter and rose 2½ cents to $53⅞.

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei average closed 103.60 points lower at 20,397.35, with an estimated 250 million shares traded, the lowest volume since early March. Shares were affected by arbitrage unwinding after see-sawing all session. Investors were absent because of a nervous currency market and an array of US and Japanese economic indicators scheduled for this week.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax ended 7.38 points better at 1,688.32.

☐ **Singapore** — The tone was mixed, with spill-over selling from Friday dampening trade. The Straits Times industrial index fell 10.42 points to 1,842.63.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Closed for a public holiday.

(Reuter)

WALL STREET

	Jun 14 midday	Jun 11 close
AMP Inc	62⅝	62⅝
AMR Corp	68⅝	69⅝
Abbott Labs	25⅞	26
Aetna Life	54	53⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	17⅜	17⅜
Air Prod & Chem	41⅞	41⅞
Albertson's	55⅞	55
Alcan Alumnm	19	19⅛
Alcn Standard	49⅞	49⅞
Allied Signal	67⅞	67⅞
Alum Co of Am	66⅞	66⅞
Amax	21⅜	21⅜
Amerada Hess	50⅜	49⅞
Amer Brands	33	32⅞
Amer Cyanamid	52⅞	52⅞
Amer El Power	36⅜	36⅜
Amer Express	29⅞	29⅞
Amer Genl Corp	31	30⅞
Amer Home Pr	68⅜	67⅞
Amer Intl	129⅜	128⅞
Amer Stores	43⅜	42⅞
Amer T & T	62⅞	62⅞
Ameritech	76⅜	76⅜
Amoco	56⅜	56⅜
Anheuser-Busch	50⅞	50⅞
Apple Computer	44	43⅞
Archer Daniels	24⅜	24⅞
Arkla	9⅜	9⅜
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	30⅞	30⅞
Asarco	20	20⅜
Ashland Oil	36⅜	36⅜
Atl Richfield	117⅜	117⅜
Auto Data Pro	49⅞	49⅞
Avery Dennison	29⅜	29⅞
Avon Products	53⅞	53⅞
Baker Hughes	27⅜	27⅜
Baltim Gas & El	24⅜	24⅜
Banc One	52⅜	52⅜
BankAmerica	44⅜	43⅞
Bank of NY	54⅜	54⅜
Bankers Tr NY	69⅜	68⅞
Barnett Banks	45⅞	45⅞
Bausch & Lomb	51	50⅞
Baxter Intl	29⅜	29⅜
Becton Dickson	37⅜	37⅜
Bell Atlantic	56⅜	56⅞
BellSouth	53⅜	53⅜
Black & Decker	21	20⅞
Block (H&R)	38⅜	36⅞
Boeing	39	38⅞
Boise Cascade	24⅜	24⅜
Borden Inc	19⅜	19⅜
Bristol Myrs Sq	60⅜	60⅜
Brwning Ferris	28	28
Burlingtn Nthn	51⅜	51⅜
CBS	242⅜	244⅜
CNA Financial	92⅜	92⅜
CPC Intl	42⅜	41⅞
CSX	68⅜	68⅜
Campbell Soup	38⅜	39⅜
Can Pacific	16	16⅜
Cpd Cities ABC	541⅜	540⅜
Cpd Holdings	38⅜	38⅜
Carolina Pwr	32⅜	32⅜
Caterpillar	75⅜	75⅜
Central & SW	31⅜	31⅜
Champion Intl	33⅜	33⅜
Chase Manhat	29⅜	29⅜
Chemical Bk	39	38⅞
Chevron Corp	88	87⅞
Chrysler	46	46⅜
Chubb Corp	82⅜	81⅞
Cigna Corp	58⅜	58⅜
Citicorp	27⅜	27⅜
Clorox	50⅜	50⅜
Coastal Corp	26⅜	26⅜
Coca Cola	41⅜	41⅜
Colgate-Palmolive	54⅜	54
Columbia Gas	24⅜	24⅜
Commonw Ed	27⅜	27⅜
Compaq Comp	54⅜	54
Comp Ass Int	27⅜	27⅜
Conagra	25⅜	25⅜
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	52⅜	52⅜
Cons Rail	51⅜	52⅜
Cooper Inds	49⅜	49⅜
Corning Inc	34⅜	34⅜
Crown Cork	38⅜	38⅜
Dana Corp	53⅜	53⅜
Dayton Hudson	65⅜	65⅜
Deere	65⅜	65⅜
Delta Air Lines	52⅜	52⅜
Deluxe Corp	38⅜	38⅜
Detroit Edison	33⅜	33⅜
Digital Equip	42⅜	43
Dillard Dept St	39⅜	39
Disney (Walt)	43⅜	43⅜
Dominion Res	43	43
Donelley (RR)	30⅜	30⅜
Dover Corp	47	46⅜
Dow Chemicals	56⅜	56⅜
Dow Jones	28	28
Dresser	23	22⅞
Duke Power	39⅜	39⅜
Dun & Bradstreet	57⅜	57⅜
Du Pont	51⅜	51⅜
Eastman Kodak	52⅜	51⅜
Eaton Corp	89⅜	89

	Jun 14 midday	Jun 11 close
Emerson Elec	61	61½
Engelhard Corp	34⅝	34
Enron Corp	59⅞	60⅛
Entergy Corp	34⅜	34⅜
Ethyl Corp	28⅞	28⅜
Exxon	65⅜	65⅜
FMC Corp	42⅜	42⅜
FPL Group	37⅜	37⅜
Federal Express	44⅜	44⅜
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅜	78⅞
First Chicago	38⅜	38⅜
First Interstate	57⅜	57
First Union Rlty	10⅜	10⅜
Fleet Fnl Grp	30⅜	30⅜
Fluor Corp	40⅜	40⅜
Ford Motor	53	53⅜
GTE Corp	35⅜	35⅜
Gannett	48⅜	48⅜
Gap Inc Del	32⅜	32⅜
Gen Cinema	35⅜	34⅜
Gen Dynamics	95⅜	95⅜
Gen Electric	94⅜	94⅜
Gen Mills	63⅜	63⅜
Gen Motors	41	40⅜
Gen Reinsurance	110⅜	110⅜
Gen Signal	60⅜	60⅜
Genuine Parts	36⅜	36⅜
Georgia Pac	59⅜	59⅜
Gillette	49⅜	49⅜
Glaxo ADR	18⅜	18⅜
Goodrich (BF)	44⅜	44⅜
Goodyear Tire	39⅜	39⅜
Grace (WR)	39⅜	39⅜
Gt Atl Pac Tea	33⅜	33⅜
Great Wstn Fin	15⅞	16
Halliburton	36	37⅜
Heinz (HJ)	38	37⅜
Hercules	73⅜	73
Hershey Foods	49⅜	49⅜
Hewlett Packard	87	86⅜
Hilton Hotels	48⅜	48
Home Depot	43⅜	43⅜
Homestake Mng	16	16⅜
Honeywell	36⅜	36⅜
Household Intl	66⅜	66⅜
Houston Inds	44⅜	44⅜
Humana	10⅜	11
ITT Corp	81⅜	81⅜
Illinois Tool	75⅜	75⅜
INCO	22⅜	22⅜
Ingersoll Rand	33⅜	33⅜
Inland Steel	25⅜	25⅜
Intel Corp	57⅜	56⅜
IBM	52⅜	52⅜
Intl Flav & Fr	116⅜	115⅜
Intl Paper	64⅜	64⅜
James River Va	21⅜	21
Jnson & Jnson	44⅜	44⅜
K Mart	22⅜	22⅜
Kellogg	53⅜	53⅜
Kerr-McGee	50⅜	50⅜
Kimberly-Clark	47⅜	47
Knight-Ridder	52⅜	52⅜
Lilly (Eli)	50⅜	49⅜
Limited Inc	24⅜	23⅜
LIN Brdcstng	100⅜	98⅜
Lincoln Nat	75⅜	75
Litton	57⅜	57⅜
Liz Claiborne	30⅜	31⅜
Lockheed Corp	62⅜	62⅜
Louisiana Pac	31⅜	32
MCI Commun	55⅜	54⅜
Marriott	25⅜	25⅜
Marsh & McLnn	85⅜	85⅜
Masco Corp	29⅜	29⅜
May Dept St	71⅜	71⅜
Maytag Corp	15⅜	15⅜
McCaw Cellular	42⅜	42
McDonalds	50⅜	50
McDonnell D	69⅜	68⅜
McGraw Hill	56⅜	56⅜
Mead Corp	45⅜	45
Medtronic	64⅜	65
Mellon Bk	53⅜	53⅜
Melville Corp	47⅜	47
Merck Inc	38⅜	38⅜
Merrill Lynch	73⅜	73⅜
Minnesota Mine	108⅜	108⅜
Mobil Corp	71⅜	71⅜
Monsanto	58⅜	58⅜
Morgan (JP)	65⅜	65⅜
Motorola Inc	85⅜	84⅜
Natl Medical	9⅜	9⅜
Natl Semi	14⅜	14⅜
Natl-Service Ind	25⅜	25⅜
Navistar Int C	2⅜	21⅜
NBD Bancorp	31⅜	31⅜
NY Times A	24⅜	24⅜
Newmont Mng	46⅜	47⅜
Niag Mohawk	24	24⅜
Nike B	68⅜	68⅜
NL Industries	3⅜	3⅜
Nordstrom	29⅜	29⅜
Norfolk Sthrn	63⅜	63⅜
Nthn State Pwr	45⅜	45⅜
Norwest Corp	48⅜	47⅜
Nynex Corp	88⅜	88⅜
Occidental Pet	20⅜	20⅜
Ohio Edison	23⅜	24
Oracle Systems	44⅜	42⅜

	Jun 14 midday	Jun 11 close
Oryx Energy Co	21⅜	21⅜
Owens Corning	39⅜	39⅜
PNC Financial	38⅜	40⅜
PPG Industries	66⅜	66⅜
Paccar Inc	59⅜	59⅜
PacifiCorp	18⅜	18⅜
Pac Enterprises	24	24⅜
Pac Gas & Elect	33⅜	33⅜
Pac Telesis	49	49
Pall Corp	17⅜	17⅜
Panhandle East	22⅜	21⅜
Paramnt Comm	53⅜	53⅜
Parker Hannifin	31	32⅜
Penney (JC)	48⅜	48⅜
Pennzoil	63⅜	62⅜
Pepsico	36⅜	36⅜
Pfizer	71⅜	70⅜
Phelps Dodge	42⅜	42⅜
Philadel Elec	26⅜	26⅜
Philip Morris	49⅜	49⅜
Phillips Pet	30⅜	30
Pitney Bowes	42⅜	42
Polaroid	35⅜	35⅜
Price Co	39⅜	39
Primerica	46⅜	46⅜
Procter & Gmbl	47⅜	47⅜
Pub Serv E & G	32⅜	32⅜
Quaker Oats	74	77⅜
Ralston Purina	45⅜	45⅜
Raychem Corp	48⅜	48⅜
Raytheon	58⅜	58⅜
Reebok Intl	36⅜	36⅜
Reynolds Metals	49⅜	48⅜
Roadway Srvcs	51⅜	51⅜
Rockwell Intl	36	35⅜
Rohm & Haas	58⅜	58⅜
Royal Dutch	94⅜	93⅜
Rubbermaid	29⅜	29⅜
Safeco Corp	58⅜	58⅜
St Paul's Cos	79⅜	79⅜
Salomon Inc	36⅜	36⅜
Santa Fe S Pac	16⅜	16⅜
Sara Lee Corp	25	25⅜
Scecorp	40⅜	40⅜
Schering Plough	67⅜	68⅜
Schlumberger	65⅜	64⅜
Scott Paper	33⅜	34⅜
Seagram	28⅜	28⅜
Sears Roebuck	52⅜	52⅜
Shell Trans	57⅜	57⅜
Sherwin Wllms	36⅜	31⅜
Skyline Corp	17⅜	17⅜
Snap-On-Tools	38⅜	38⅜
Southern Co	41⅜	41⅜
Sthwestern Bell	38⅜	39
Sprint Corp	30⅜	30⅜
Stanley Works	44⅜	43⅜
Sun Company	26⅜	26⅜
Suntrust	44⅜	44⅜
Supervalu	34	34
Syntex Corp	19⅜	19⅜
Sysco Corp	26⅜	26
TRW Inc	66⅜	66⅜
Tandem Comp	12⅜	12⅜
Tandy Corp	30⅜	30
Telecom Corp	3⅜	3⅜
Teledyne	20⅜	20⅜
Temple Inland	43⅜	43
Tenneco	47⅜	46
Texaco	63⅜	61⅜
Texas Inst	69⅜	69⅜
Texas Utilities	45⅜	45⅜
Textron	51⅜	51⅜
Time Warner	38⅜	37⅜
Times-Mirror	29⅜	29⅜
Timken	31⅜	31⅜
Torchmark	52⅜	53
Toys R Us	38⅜	38⅜
Transamerica	49⅜	49⅜
Travelers Corp	28⅜	28⅜
Tribune	52⅜	52⅜
Tyco Labs	41⅜	41⅜
UAL Corp	133	133⅜
UST Inc	28⅜	28⅜
USX Marathon	18⅜	18⅜
Unilever NV	109⅜	108⅜
Union Camp	42⅜	42⅜
Union Carbide	18⅜	18⅜
Union Pacific	60	60
Unisys Corp	11⅜	11⅜
USAIR Group	19⅜	19⅜
USF&G Corp	16⅜	16⅜
US Life	39⅜	39⅜
US West	44⅜	44⅜
United Tech	52⅜	52⅜
Unocal Corp	30⅜	30⅜
Upjohn	30⅜	30⅜
VF Corp	46⅜	47⅜
WMX Tech	35⅜	35⅜
Wal-Mart Stores	27⅜	27⅜
Warner-Lambert	71⅜	71⅜
Wells Fargo	103⅜	103
Westinghouse El	15⅜	15⅜
Weyerhaeuser	41⅜	41⅜
Whirlpool	54⅜	53⅜
Whitman	13⅜	13⅜
Winn Dixie	55⅜	55⅜
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34⅜	34⅜
Xerox	75⅜	75⅜

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	5,600	Carlton Cms	210	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot & New	364
Abbey Natl	1,700	Coats Viyella	589	Lloyds Bk	795	Scot Power	441
Alld-Lyons	1,200	Cm Union	387	MB Cardn	1,100	Sears	2,100
Anglian W	2,000	Courtaulds	871	Marks Spr	1,800	Svrn Trent	771
Argyll Gp	1,100	De La Rue	96	NFC	337	Shell Trans	2,400
Arjo Wiggn	710	Enterpr Oil	811	NatWst Bk	5,500	Siebe	1,000
AB Foods	240	Fisons	11,000	Nat Power	1,400	SmKl Bch	2,200
BAA	1,500	Forte	6,300	Nth Wst W	1,200	Smith Nph	3,900
BAT Inds	2,700	GRE	1,900	Nthn Fds	1,400	Sthn Elec	482
BOC	983	GUS A	289	P & O	758	Std Chard	962
BP	9,300	Gen Acc	1,400	Pearson	1,100	Sun Allnce	1,900
BT	5,900	Gen Elec	4,100	PowerGen	715	TI Gp	1,500
BTR	2,900	Glaxo	1,400	Prudential	1,500	TSB	5,500
Bk of Scot	682	Granada	3,300	RTZ	1,100	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Barclays	4,300	Grand Met	2,400	Rank Org	456	Tesco	2,400
Bass	1,800	Guinness	1,700	Reckitt Col	506	Thames W	1,000
Blue Circle	445	HSBC	1,700	Redland	678	Thrn EMI	764
Boots	2,600	Hanson	8,600	Reed Intl	1,600	Tomkins	2,200
Bowater	609	ICI	5,900	Rentokil	1,200	Unilever	1,300
Brit Airwys	1,200	Inchcape	1,100	Reuters	158	Utd Bisc	3,900
Brit Gas	5,600	Kingfisher	1,400	Rothmans	393	Vodafone	1,600
Brit Steel	7,800	Kwik Save	107	Ryl Ins	709	Wellcome	2,000
Burmah Cast	478	LASMO	1,800	Ryl Bk Scot	604	Whitbd 'A'	1,500
Cable Wire	1,000	Ladbroke	3,300	Sainsbury	1,400	Wilms Hld	1,200
Cadbury	2,900	Land Secs	563	Scot Hydro	444	Zeneca	4,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3511.37 (+6.36)
S&P Composite 447.69 (+0.43)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20397.35 (-103.60)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng Closed

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 108.4 (+1.3)

Sydney: AO Closed

Frankfurt:
DAX 1691.98 (+11.00)

FT 30 share: 2263.1 (+18.9)

Brussels:
General 6192.47 (+31.18)

Paris: CAC 524.90 (+2.99)

Zurich: SKA Gen 516.7 (-1.9)

London:
FT A All-Share 1424.50 (+9.73)
FT 500 1544.24 (+10.25)
FT Gold Mines 170.3 (-9.3)
FT Fixed Interest 111.87 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs 95.57 (+0.20)
Bargains 29297
SEAQ Volume 500.1m
USM (Datastrm) 138.95 (+0.37)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 14	June 25	September 16	September 27

Call options were taken out on 14/6/93: BET, Dunhill, Euro Disney, J Foster, Geest, MTM, Millwall, Ramers, Regalian, Seris, Southern Pacific.
Puts: Nat west Bank, Simon Eng.
Puts & Calls: Ferranti, United Energy.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2869.0	2904.0	2868.0	2896.0	13280
Previous open interest: 51613	Sep 93	2891.0	2923.0	2891.0	2916.5	5557
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.03	94.05	94.03	94.04	4951
Previous open interest: 337975	Sep 93	94.15	94.19	94.15	94.18	9696
	Dec 93	94.22	94.24	94.22	94.24	2759
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.69	96.69	96.68	96.69	194
Previous open interest: 19836	Sep 93	96.46	96.47	96.45	96.47	746
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.44	92.44	92.38	92.38	9765
Previous open interest: 618536	Sep 93	93.25	93.31	93.24	93.26	45936
Long Gilt	Jun 93	105-20	105-25	105-20	105-22	535
Previous open interest: 67005	Sep 93	104-21	104-29	104-21	104-26	22336
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	108.15	108.27	108.12	108.25	1845
	Dec 93				107.45	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	94.88	95.07	94.81	95.02	70787
Previous open interest: 158610	Dec 93	95.06	95.21	95.06	95.16	1149
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.15	99.25	99.10	99.22	4399
Previous open interest: 16073	Dec 93				99.43	0
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.47	92.50	92.47	92.50	556
Previous open interest: 28096	Sep 93	93.25	93.29	93.24	93.27	1384
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	94.89	94.89	94.85	94.86	1163
Previous open interest: 43493	Sep 93	95.34	95.42	95.34	95.40	9259
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	100.80	101.19	100.60	101.14	12649
Previous open interest: 44820	Dec 93	100.56	100.56	100.56	100.93	20

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	52	64½	73	4	11	18
(*544½)	550	15	31	43	22	31	38½
Argyll	330	20	31	35	9½	16½	22
(*344)	360	6½	16	23	27	33	39
ASDA	67	6½	10½	-	2½	5½	-
(*71)	76	2½	6	-	7	11	-
Boots	420	27	42	47	8½	16	22
(*435)	460	8	21	28	29	36	43
Br Airways	287	18	29½	34½	8½	15½	21
(*294)	316	5	16	21	26½	31½	37
BP	300	22	28½	34	5½	13	16½
(*310)	330	6	14½	20	20½	28	31½
Br Steel	100	8	12	16	5½	8½	10
(*103½)	110	4	8	12	11½	14	17
C & W	700	58	73½	85	8½	20½	29
(*748½)	750	22	43½	57	29½	43	52
CU	580	32	43	-	12	29	-
(*596½)	629	9	21	-	40	57	-
ICI	681	40	52	68	13	29½	38
(*701½)	730	8	21	37	54½	71	78
Kingfishr	584	23	39	-	18	33	-
(*586)	632	7	19	-	51	61	-
Land Sec	550	40	56	62	3½	12½	18½
(*583½)	600	10½	26	33	24	34	41½
M & S	330	21	31	36	6	12	17
(*341)	360	6	16	22	23	28	32
Nat West	460	29	39½	51½	11½	24	30½
(*475)	500	9½	21½	32½	33½	47½	53
Sainsbury	460	35	49	57	7	15	21
(*486)	500	13	27	36	24	34	39
Shell	600	36	45	55	6	17½	23
(*624)	650	8½	19	30½	30½	44	49
Smkl Bch	430	32	45½	56½	10	22	29½
(*435)	460	11½	27½	38	31½	43	51
Storehse	200	15	23	28	7	13	17
(*209½)	220	6	14	18	19	24	29
Trafalgar	101	8½	13½	-	4½	8	-
(*105)	110	4½	9	12	9½	13	16
Unilever	1000	66	90½	104½	7½	18½	27½
(*1043½)	1050	29½	59	74½	25	38	48½
Zeneca	600	38	53	69	14	33	44
(*617)	650	15	29	47	42	65	72

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	36½	42	50	5½	12½	22½
(*418½)	420	15½	27½	36	18	26	36
Ladbroke	180	13	21	25½	8½	18	23
(*177½)	200	5	12	17	22	31	35
Utd Bisc	360	30½	51½	58	7	16	22
(*388½)	390	21½	34½	42½	17	30½	35½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	39½	59	64½	13	22	28
(*733½)	750	14	33½	38½	39	47½	53½
Thames W	460	21½	32	36	11½	20½	24
(*467)	500	6	14	18	38	45	47½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	425	25½	34½	45	11	25½	29
(*436)	450	14	23½	32	26	39½	44½
BTR	360	20	25	32	7	14½	17½
(*368)	390	6	11½	17	25½	32	34½
Br Aero	420	23½	44½	55	38½	55	59
(*400½)	460	12	30½	41	68	81½	85
Br Telcm	390	38½	42½	45	4½	12	17½
(*423½)	420	18	24½	28½	14	25	31½
Cadbury	420	56	63	75	4	9½	13
(*465)	460	24	39	50	14	24	29
Guinness	460	45	59½	70½	6½	17	22½
(*492½)	500	20	34	48½	23	34½	41
GEC	330	17	24½	29	11	16	19½
(*340)	360	4½	11½	16	31½	34½	37
Hanson	220	14	20	23	4½	9½	13
(*227½)	240	4	10½	14	15	21	24
LASMO	160	12½	20½	26	10	17½	20
(*160)	180	5½	12½	18	23½	30	33
Lucas	130	14½	20½	23	6	13½	16½
(*136½)	140	9	14½	17½	11½	19½	22
Pilkingtn	120	14	19	21	4	7½	10
(*129½)	130	8	13	16	8	13	17
Prudential	300	29½	36	41½	4	10	11
(*322½)	330	10½	18½	25	16	24½	27
Redland	460	38½	53	60	10½	27	32
(*482½)	500	16½	32½	41	30½	47½	52½
Royal Ins	269	28	37	43½	4½	12	15
(*288)	288	15½	25½	33½	12	19	24
Tesco	200	25	31	35	4	9	10½
(*219)	220	11	19	24	11	17	20
Vodafone	420	30½	46	53½	12	23	27½
(*439)	460	12	26½	34	36	45	49
Williams	300	15½	23	29	11½	20½	24
(*301)	330	4½	11	16½	32	40½	43

FT-SE INDEX (*2885)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jun	151	101	53	15	2½	¼
Jul	161	118	74	45	24	11
Aug	179	137	101	71	49	32
Sep	193	156	116	92	69	49
Dec	-	207	-	145	-	95
Puts						
Jun	1½	1½	6½	21	65	115
Jul	8	12	24	46	76	115
Aug	21	28	44	64	93	128
Sep	31	44	60	81	108	140
Dec	-	74	-	111	-	164

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	31	39	50½	1	9	13
(*418½)	420	4	21	33	5	22½	28
Amstrad	35	1½	4½	7	1½	4	5½
(*35½)	40	1	2½	5	5½	7½	8½
Barclays	460	9	29½	43	3	22½	29½
(*465½)	500	1	12	25	36	47½	53
Blue Circ	240	22	33	38	1	7	13½
(*261½)	260	4½	20½	27	3	15	23
Br Gas	280	18½	27	31½	1	5½	11
(*297)	300	2	15	19½	5	13	21
	330	1	4	8½	34½	35	41
Dixons	200	18	25	33	2	11	16
(*215)	220	3	15	23	8	22	27
Forte	200	18	27	34	1	6½	12½
(*216½)	220	2	16½	22	5	15½	22
Glaxo	550	57½	80	89	1	15½	30
(*601½)	600	10½	50	61	6	35	56
	650	1	28	41	48½	65½	86
HSBC	600	49	73	90	1	17½	30
(*648½)	650	6½	40	60	8	38	53
Hillsdwn	140	8	17	22	1	7½	12½
(*147)	160	1	7	11	14½	19	24½
Lonrho	110	5	13	18	1½	9½	13
(*113)	120	1	9	14	7½	15½	19
Reuter	1350	20	83	127	7	60½	83
(*1360)	1400	1½	58	101	42	88	108
R-Royce	140	13½	20½	24½	½	5½	10
(*151½)	160	1	8½	15½	9	15½	21
Sears	90	10	12½	16	1	3	3½
(*99)	100	1½	6½	11	1½	6	8
Tarmac	130	11½	19	22½	1	6½	11½
(*139½)	140	3	13	17	3	11	16½
Thrn Emi	850	40	54	70½	1	26	36
(*885½)	900	3	29	45½	16½	57	63½
Tomkins	220	21½	26½	32	1	6½	9
(*239)	240	3	14	23	3½	15	19
TSB	190	16	22½	27	1	7	10½
(*195)	200	1½	9	16½	6½	17	21
Wellcome	700	28½	67½	89	2	31	51
(*723½)	750	2½	41½	62	27½	57	76

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	140	28	34	35½	2½	7	10½
(*162)	160	13½	22½	25	8½	14	19½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastn Elc	460	19	28	35	19½	26½	33
(*466½)	500	4	15	19	50½	54	58

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	360	9	25½	36	1½	13	18½
(*366)	390	1	11	21½	24	29½	33½
Scot Pwr	310	8½	17	22½	1	12½	16½
(*317)	330	1	7	14	14½	26	28½

June 14, 1993 Tot: 24172 Call: 12498 Put: 11674 FT-SE Call: 3750 Put: 4754
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa was marked down in London, more because of the weak close in New York than the result of the ICCO talks. The negotiations at the producer/consumer forum ended in a decision to formally rubber-stamp a new economic agreement, but the proposed pact had no price support measures. They also agreed to sell off 230,000 tonne buffer stock over the next five years which must be negative.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Jul	662-661	Sep	757-756
Sep	672-671	Dec	781 SLR
Dec	693-692	Mar	802-799
Mar	714-713	May	820-815
May	728-727		
Jul	742-741		Volume: 2908

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	905-903	Mar	930-930
Sep	919-918	May	940-930
Nov	926-925	Jul	950-940
Jan	927-925		Volume: 1597

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	--
May	unq	May	--
Aug	--	Aug	--
Oct	--		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	284.5-83.4
Spot: 285.2		May	289.0-87.0
Aug	284.9-84.5	Aug	295.0-92.0
Oct	280.4-80.0	Oct	289.0-85.2
Dec	281.3-80.2		Volume: 716

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	86.97	110.89	143.74
(+/-)	-3.21	-12.41	-1.37
Eng/Wales:	86.72	110.79	143.19
(+/-)	-3.33	-12.59	-1.83
(%)	-24.9	-11.0	-18.1
Scotland:	92.09	112.33	148.50
(+/-)	-1.26	-9.37	+2.72
(%)	-10.6	+13.7	-27.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	115.8	115.8	Aug	102.0	102.0
Jul	108.0	108.0			Volume: 38

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Jun	136.50
Sep	106.75
Nov	108.75
Jan	111.45
Mar	113.00
	Volume: 97

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	105.00
Nov	107.85
Jan	110.00
Mar	112.25
May	113.80
	Volume: 2

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	149.00
Aug	144.50
Oct	146.00
Dec	149.00
Feb	151.00
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	50.0
Apr	95.5	94.1
May	102.5	101.8
		Volume: 32

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jul 58.50-59.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The oil market was still considering the outcome of the Opec meeting. Prices were little changed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.55	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.65	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.90	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.95	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.30	(n/c)

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	201 (-1)	203 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	163 (n/c)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jul	165 (n/c)	166 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Aug	167 (--)	168 (--)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (-1)	59 (-1)
Naphtha	174 (n/c)	175 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jul	164.50-64.75	Oct	172.25-72.50
Aug	166.25-66.50	Nov	174.50-74.75
Sep	168.75-69.00	Dec	176.50-76.75
			Vol: 11718

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.66-17.67	Oct	18.22-18.23
Aug	17.88-17.89	Nov	18.33 BID
Sep	18.07-18.08		Vol: 29642

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	n/a	Sep	n/a
Jul	188.00-88.25	Oct	n/a
Aug	186.50-88.25		Vol: 59

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

Jun 93	High: 1475	Low: 1450	Close: 1463
Jul 93	1335	1338	1340
Aug 93	1335	1320	1325
Oct 93	1420	1415	1420

Vol: 97 lots. Open Int'st: 3353 Index 1547 -16

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1205.5-1206.0	1217.0-1217.5	171730
Lead (£/tonne)	257.25-257.50	267.00-267.50	73250
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	913.00-913.50	932.00-932.50	280150
Tin ($/tonne)	5110.0-5115.0	5170.0-5175.0	7590
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1148.0-1148.5	1173.5-1174.0	994050
Nickel ($/tonne)	5480.0-5482.0	5555.0-5560.0	30318

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 79.4 (day's range 79.3-79.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7718-2.7807	2.7718-2.7752	⅛-⅜ds	⅜-⅞ds
Brussels	50.89-51.04	50.98-51.04	3-7ds	11-18ds
Copenhagen	9.4580-9.4880	9.4640-9.4860	1½-2¾ds	3¾-4¾ds
Dublin	1.0135-1.0155	1.0139-1.0153	7-12ds	21-31ds
Frankfurt	2.4761-2.4824	2.4789-2.4821	¼-½ds	1-1¼ds
Lisbon	235.61-236.40	235.61-236.08	129-148ds	374-455ds
Madrid	189.83-190.52	189.92-190.21	92-108ds	344-378ds
Milan	2247.60-2262.30	2256.20-2262.30	7-9ds	22-25ds
Montreal	1.9553-1.9608	1.9553-1.9575	0.27-0.19pr	0.47-0.38pr
New York	1.5235-1.5290	1.5255-1.5265	0.36-0.34pr	1.02-1.00pr
Oslo	10.4660-10.4980	10.4750-10.4980	¼-1¼ds	1¾-3ds
Paris	8.3270-8.3560	8.3290-8.3430	1-1⅜ds	2¾-3⅜ds
Stockholm	10.9930-11.0450	11.0210-11.0450	1⅞-2⅞ds	5⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	160.36-161.05	160.36-160.55	½-¼pr	1¼-1pr
Vienna	17.41-17.47	17.43-17.47	1⅛-2⅛ds	3⅛-5⅛ds
Zurich	2.2061-2.2153	2.2061-2.2092	⅛pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5217-1.5243
Australia dollar	2.2607-2.2639
Bahrain dinar	0.5705-0.5825
Brazil cruzeiro*	71383.5-71473.8
Cyprus pound	0.729-0.739
Finland marka	8.272-8.388
Greece drachma	335.25-342.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.793-11.803
India rupee	47.59-48.55
Kuwait dinar KD	0.455-0.465
Malaysia ringgit	3.9042-3.9084
Mexico peso	4.72-4.82
New Zealand dollar	2.8091-2.8162
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6695-5.7955
Singapore dollar	2.4538-2.4562
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0577-7.0682
S Africa rand (com)	4.8656-4.8735
U A E dirham	5.5505-5.6745

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4814-1.4825
Austria	11.42-11.43
Belgium (Com)	33.41-33.42
Canada	1.2822-1.2827
Denmark	6.199-6.209
France	5.460-5.465
Germany	1.625-1.626
Hong Kong	7.7284-7.7289
Ireland	1.5035-1.5045
Italy	1471.0-1474.0
Japan	105.25-105.30
Malaysia	2.5585-2.5595
Netherlands	1.817-1.818
Norway	6.86-6.87
Portugal	154.45-154.65
Singapore	1.6080-1.6085
Spain	124.37-124.47
Sweden	7.22-7.23
Switzerland	1.4462-1.4472

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 3 Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis) Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5¹⁹⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞
Overnight: open 5¾, close 3					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞-5¾	n/a	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.18-3.15	3.34-3.31	3.69-3.66
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993. Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅜-7¼	7⅛-7	8-7⅞
French Franc:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7-6⅞	8-7⅞
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5-4⅞	5-4⅞
Yen:	3¼-3	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bank of Nova Scotia)

Bullion: Open $365.50-366.00 Close: $363.70-364.10 High: $366.00-366.50
Low: $361.95-362.45 Krugerrand: $363.00-365.00 (£237.00-239.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-90.00 (£55.00-57.00) New $87.00-90.00 (£55.00-57.00)
Platinum: $382.50 (£250.35) Silver: $4.21 (£2.75) Palladium: $123.25 (£81.95)

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Putting the case against an independent central bank

Malcolm Crawford says the potential for conflict between exchange and interest-rate objectives would be high if the Bank were given a free hand



City or Whitehall line: Eddie George, Governor-designate, left, and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor

Independence of the Bank of England, propounded most recently by Norman Lamont in his swansong last week, has become a fashionable policy idea. The present Governor and his successor both favour it. Three of the last four Chancellors have spoken for a change. With ex-poachers turning gamekeepers at that speed, the game must be worth pursuing. Or so it would seem.

The ex-Chancellor who has not declared in favour is the prime minister. He said, after Mr Lamont's blast at him, that there was a genuine case for it but his real concern was "the need for accountability to Parliament".

The case for central bank independence lies largely in the political use of monetary policy, especially reductions in interest rates to help win elections, or to arrest recession or allay panic during a financial crisis. The last two uses have some merit, but it is hard to defend the distortion of monetary policy during election campaigns. Oddly enough, John Major is the only prime minister in at least a quarter of a century to forbear from cutting interest rates during an election run-up.

Is it too cynical to suggest that "accountability to Parliament" is a euphemism for freedom for ministers to manipulate interest rates for short-term political purposes?

There is a snag about independence for the central bank, at least for the time being. Monetary policy and the exchange rate are closely connected. And nobody has yet recommended that the Treasury concede the exchange rate as well as monetary policy to the Bank.

If the exchange rate is floating freely, with no target rate, no such problem arises. The Bank could set interest rates according to the prospects for inflation and real growth, with little concern about the exchange rate. At the other extreme, if sterling were to re-enter the ERM tomorrow, and the government were to be sure that the chosen rate would never be changed, the central bank could be relied on to set whatever interest rates were compatible with that objective. It would then have to be less concerned about the real economy. At present the exchange rate is competitive. As long as that is so, a fixed exchange rate is no hazard to growth or employment.

In the real world of UK economic policy, the exchange rate is managed but variable. That is true at present and will remain so if and when sterling re-enters the ERM, since over any extended period, the central rate is subject to change. The government will hold it fixed only so long as it remains politically possible to do so.

If, starting next month, Eddie George was to conduct monetary policy without taking orders from Whitehall, interest rates set by the central bank would have uncertain but perhaps large effects on sterling. The Bank has already expressed doubts about whether the government's 4 per cent inflation ceiling can be sustained with present policies. Given only a small rise in interest rates by a newly independent Bank, the pound would rise. It could well rise to within its former ERM range, say 2.78 marks or even higher. The response from British industry is not hard to imagine.

Had the Bank been independent last summer, when sterling was in the ERM, how would it have prevented Black Wednesday? It could not have devalued the overvalued pound in good time, with control over the exchange rate and interest rates divided. Anyway, it would not have wanted to, judging by its published commentaries. It would, instead, have raised base rates, despite the prevailing view that the prolonged recession desperately required an easing of monetary policy.

The Bank could have told the Treasury that it could no longer hold the exchange rate without further rises in interest rates. The Treasury's logical response would then have been to devalue. But Mr Major had already ruled that out, in no uncertain terms.

In any case, devaluation in itself, without a monetary expansion, is of little help in raising a country out of recession. The two together are doing so just now. Sterling's decline in late 1989 and early 1990, with base rates at 15 per cent, did nothing to prevent the recession that started then. For both monetary and exchange rate policy to be effective in managing demand, in an economy as exposed to the outside world as Britain's, both instruments should be managed together.

An independent Bank might well have better luck in controlling inflation with a freely floating exchange such as the Federal Reserve enjoys in America. But Britain has never really favoured a policy of complete neglect of the exchange rate, except during the first few months of Margaret Thatcher's government. In the event of a return to the ERM, central bank independence might help to maintain the necessary confidence in sterling for a limited time, perhaps two or three years. Then the policy conflict would be likely to arise again. In any case, both Mr Major and Kenneth Clarke, his new Chancellor, have virtually ruled out ERM re-entry during this Parliament.

At some stage, after sterling has rejoined the ERM, independence for the central bank might be appropriate. It would also be obligatory under the Maastricht treaty before the "examination" for stage three of the programme for Economic and Monetary Union, which would introduce a single currency. EMU can be seen as the ideal at the end of this rainbow. Under that regime, Britain would no longer have an exchange rate with countries with which it conducts over half its trade and therefore have no more sterling crises. The Bank would then merely be part of an independent Eurofed. Britain has not decided whether to enter EMU, having insisted on the option in the treaty allowing it until the examination in 1996 to declare its intentions. Britain could stay out of EMU and hence the ERM, indefinitely.

When it does reach the planned launch-pad, EMU will seem attractive, if only because industry and the City will be painfully aware of the disadvantages of being left out when other EC countries eliminate their intra-EC transactions costs and set up cross-border payments systems. Britain is likely to be a reluctant suitor, rushing to the altar at the last moment rather than be left in the lurch. Whether Britain will qualify, in terms of the entry tests, is another matter. As one of the conditions of entry is participation in the narrow band of the ERM for two years before the examination, the government would be wise to avoid foreclosing its options in advance, any more than it has already by more or less ruling out re-entry into the ERM during this Parliament. Britain may stay out of EMU, but will have to fix its exchange rate to Europe's at some time.

In the meantime, and especially if EMU is deferred until 1999, the potential for conflict between exchange rate and interest-rate objectives would be high if the Bank were given full responsibility for monetary policy.

The author's study One Money for Europe *was published this year by Macmillan*

TEMPUS

Ringing wrong numbers

DEVELOPMENTS in the BT3 sale display an intriguing mix of confidence and desperation. Confidence on the part of SG Warburg, the Treasury's adviser, which feels so assured about the demand that it can bully institutions into line over the sale and simultaneously pare discounts on the retail offer. Desperation from the Treasury, which is keen that the issue should be as aggressively priced as possible to make a better impact on the government's yawning budget deficit.

Private investors will be distinctly displeased that their incentives have been reduced. By the time the price is struck, the discounts on the two instalments are likely to be worth less than 5 per cent of the total price, against 8.6 per cent for BT2.

Warburg argues that this only reflects the fall in interest rates in the past two years. This argument ignores the fact that the time value of the instalment system has also fallen by 40 per cent. Unless this is corrected by institutions in the tender offer by widening the discount, BT3 applicants could lose all ways.

The only consolation is the government's confirmation that buyers will receive the final dividend for last year, which puts the part-paid retail shares on a first-year yield of at least 10 per cent. Assuming BT offers an 8 per cent increase in its interim payout early next year, that figure is closer to 11 per cent. That is more than twice the return on building society deposits, which is a similar ratio to the BT2 issue. But it is only marginally more than yields on fully paid long-dated gilts. Private investors will fondly remember the initial BT privatisation, when the government seemed keen to give money away.

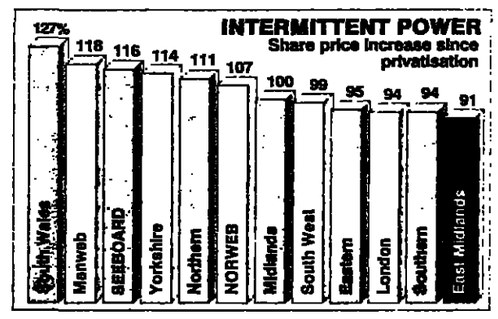
East Midlands

THERE is a certain justice that East Midlands shares are the worst performers of the regional electricity distributors since privatisation at the end of 1990. The company typifies all that is wrong with the industry and that particular state sale but it seems a little hard on its managers, who are in themselves no worse than any others.

East Midlands was the go-ahead, entrepreneurial member of the 12, which is why it bought an electrical contracting business at the height of the recession two years ago at a price that even then was regarded as expensive.

Then, heaven help it, the company revealed a plan to buy a chunk of British Coal. The energy services business remains a disaster, as does retailing, now merged with the equally unhappy Yorkshire Electricity operation. The latter might at last generate cash from the start of next year.

Such a record could have sunk a lesser company. But unwise diversification remains academic to a group with a strong cash flow assured until the unlikely day the industry regulator turns off the tap. East Midlands can easily afford a 14 per cent dividend jump and a 6 per cent prospective yield will comfort shareholders who have seen all other REC shares outstrip theirs. Indeed, apart from the provisions, which should help future profits, the dividend cover would have been unchanged.



BET

SHAREHOLDERS in BET could be forgiven if they feel short-changed by their company. Having stood by during two painful years of reconstruction, and provided the necessary equity last year to allow the company to escape from its debt trap, they have been rewarded by another cut in the dividend. It is a bitter pill, even though it was predicted by the market and Tempus last February, particularly since the company is now cash positive.

The decision to cut the dividend reflects how far the business has come since John Clark became chief executive in 1991. Since then, he has sold or merged 80 of its operating units and squeezed out £230 million in working capital. Only now has it become clear that the remaining businesses do not generate the profits to support a higher payout.

BET needs further radical surgery. It may have halved the number of its reporting units to 80, but still earns revenue from a diverse and sometimes bizarre portfolio, which includes African hotels, joinery in Holland and the rights to the *Return of the Pink Panther* film.

Further on, it is still questionable whether the group can support as many as seven core service businesses. Mr Clark and his team will review this in a year's time when the business has been stripped to its essential.

At least the bulk of the provisions should be out of the way, and the business should return to profitability. At 111p, the shares trade at more than 18 times next year's earnings and yield 3.8 per cent on the lower dividend. There is still too much work to be done for the shares to be chased.

Output prices

THE Central Statistical Office served up a useful pick-me-up for Kenneth Clarke, at the start of what promises to be a testing week in his new job as Chancellor. The producer price figures confirmed that he still has considerable scope to float his economic strategy without a sudden inflationary squall sinking it in the harbour.

Although input prices regained forward momentum in May, following a sharp fall in April, edging the year-on-year rate to 7.5 per cent, manufacturers are still capable of offsetting this by improvements in unit labour costs. As a result, output costs, excluding food drink and tobacco, fell 0.1 of a percentage point.

Unless consumer demand of industrial output rises sharply in the second half of the year, there seems no reason to fear that this pattern will change radically. Most of the companies that have produced results in the past few weeks have reported that their cost cutting measures succeeded in 1992 and that they have similar efficiency drives planned for the current year. This leaves Mr Clarke with the option to cut interest rates again without fear of overheating. Such a cut would be particularly welcome if other economic data, such as M4 growth or manufacturing output, suggests the recovery is faltering. The City will pay particular regard to Mr Clarke's Mansion House speech tonight to discover if such a cut is at the forefront of his thinking.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Maxwell and the numbers game

ROBERT Maxwell, late, unlamented publisher-turned-seafarer, knew his number was up at least six months before he went over the side of the *Lady Ghislaine* yacht in November 1991. David Lee, head of investigations at Price Waterhouse, administrator of Maxwell Communication Corporation, has discovered a letter written by the tycoon on May 13, 1991 in reply to a request for financial assistance by a charitable organisation. The letter from Mark Tanzer in Maxwell's office said that publisher had decided "with regret" that he was unable to offer his support on the occasion in question. It continued: "As he knows you will appreciate, this is in no way a reflection on the merit of the proposal. It is simply that he has to choose from finite resources between all the worthy schemes for which his help is sought." The reply was addressed to Gill Hankey, fund-raising officer of the Association of Bankrupts. One can only hope for the sake of his pride that Kevin Maxwell did not go calling after he was made Britain's biggest bankrupt last September 1992 personal debts of £406 million.

His new forte

ROCCO Forte is continuing the reshuffling of the board he inherited from Lord Forte, his father, with the appointment of a new finance director designate, Keith Hamill, from United Distillers. Hamill will take over from Donald Main when the latter retires at the start of 1995, but joins Forte in September as chief financial officer. He arrives with the necessary heavyweight credentials as a member of the Accounting Standards Board's Urgent Issues Task Force and the CBI's Companies Committee. Main will now spend more time wrestling with Forte's huge debts and planned disposal programme.

Party hopper

MEMBERS of the Barclays Bank public relations team, battered and storm-tossed by months of criticism, took time off to enjoy themselves last week . . . and found there is no escape from their woes. The occasion was a performance at the Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, of the Jiving Lindy Hoppers, a dance group sponsored in part by the bank through its backing for fringe theatre. Several distinguished critics and guests — notably Jasper Conran, the fashion designer — were mingling with performers at an after-show drinks party when a drunken tramp stumbled down the stairs and disappeared into the crowd before the hosts realised that he was not a member of the cast. Or a Barclays director.



"Can't talk long — it says 150p first payment"

Smudged

NICHOLAS Flower has rapped our knuckles with a ballpoint pen for smudging the history of the instrument. Flower, a former company secretary of Formento, the licensor of the so-called Biro *ballpen patents, points out* that the principal licensee was the Miles Martin Pen Company. This later became Biro Pens Ltd and it acquired Mabie Todd & Co, famous for the Swan fountain pen. This in turn became Biro Swan and was taken over by Baron Bich and did not, as the *City Diary* suggested, sell the patent for the Biro ballpoint to Baron Bich, famous in France for the Bic pen.

Mason's mischief

SYDNEY Mason, outgoing chairman of Hammerson, the property group, had a few less than flattering remarks for his successors at yesterday's annual meeting on Park Lane. Mason, retiring after 44 years, slipped in a sly dig at Rainer Vogt, deputy managing director, who has served the group for a similarly long period. "He's almost a piece of antique furniture in the building", said Mason — a remark which renders himself worthy of a part in *Jurassic Park*, Stephen Spielberg's new dinosaur blockbuster. There was such a crowd that a video camera relayed proceedings to those who could not fit inside.

JON ASHWORTH

Plain speaking Soros impresses

From Mr J.R. Northeast

Sir, Your publication of the Open Letters exchange between Messrs Soros and Kaletsky was salutary in a number of particulars.

Eschewing the rightness of any argument, I found myself sedulously impressed by Mr Soros' (Business Analysis, June 9th) simplicity of language in an area constantly obfuscated by the arcane jargon of economists and "bank-speak". Secondly, I could not fail to be affected by his transparent candour. Thirdly, in a few short, sharp lines he gave a view of the fickleness and volatility of the contemporary foreign exchange market and its modus operandi which had the merit of obliging us in the lay public to engage our interest in an esoteric area.

Writing this on a domestic, computer/fax machine, I am totally persuaded of the effectiveness of modern electronics to position any information almost anywhere at the drop of a hat. These tools have given speculators, more than anyone, the priceless opportunity to rampage around in the money-shop, be they bulls or bears. To outsiders they appear to be out of control and certainly beyond the arms of *individual* governments. For that, at least, three cheers for Mr Soros.

Yours truly,
J. R. Northeast,
Moorlands Farm,
Begelly,
Kilgetty,
Pembrokeshire.

NCC twisted facts

From the Building Societies Ombudsmen and the Insurance Ombudsman

Sir, Much of the media coverage of the 100-page National Consumer Council Report on Consumer Views of the Office of the Building Societies Ombudsmen and the Insurance Ombudsman was inevitably based mainly on its press release. It is therefore particularly unfortunate as well as surprising that the latter document did not give a balanced view of the former.

In correspondence with one of us the Chairman of the NCC (Lady Wilcox) said:

"...We chose to highlight the negative perceptions of the schemes in the press release as those are the areas which need to be addressed...

I believe that the robust public debate that will follow the publication of this report can only strengthen your organisation in the long term..."

The report itself is carefully drafted and well balanced, as is to be expected from the NCC. We agree with most of it. By contrast, the press release concentrated on the negative aspects, presumably in an attempt to gain media coverage. As a result of this distortion, which should not have been allowed to occur in a responsible body like the NCC, the "robust public debate" will sadly be based largely on a false premise. Significant and unnecessary damage may well also have been done to consumer perceptions of Ombudsman schemes which actually provide major benefits for the general public.

Yours faithfully,
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UK not wary of trade with Korea

From the Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Sir, Your article (June 8) headlined "UK wary of doing business with Korea" about the Taejon Expo gives your readers a very misleading impression.

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office is taking the lead in organising UK participation in Taejon in a joint effort with the Department of Trade and Industry and several British companies. Enthusiasm is strong. We are taking the maximum space allowed to overseas exhibitors, and our pavilion will at least match those of any other EC country. Our Ambassador in Seoul has already visited Taejon 19 times.

This cannot possibly be seen, as your article suggests, as a sign of lack of interest or a snub to the Koreans. Nor is it true that there are no plans for a Ministerial visit to Taejon — there are. Far from being "wary of doing business" with Korea we have supported a series of substantial and successful promotions at the time of and since the recent visit by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Your correspondent also refers oddly to Richard Needham, the Trade Minister, "missing out" Korea from his recent tour of South East Asia — a different region altogether! Mr Needham made a special visit to Korea in April, as did the Foreign Secretary. Our commercial and other relations with the Republic of Korea are excellent.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR GOODLAD,
Minister of State,
Foreign & Commonwealth Office,
SW1.

Setting pension fund surplus levels

From Mr I. J. Michell

Sir, It is becoming likely, in addition to all other reasons why companies should be enabled to reclaim excessive pension fund surpluses, that employers will come to view defined benefit schemes as just too diverting to bother with for much longer.

A solution seems quite simple: specify by statute levels of surplus which, if exceeded in two or three consecutive years, can or must invoke a new reclaim procedure. The reporting scheme actuary would be obliged to provide a certificate, which would also show projections of benefit for all present and potential pensioners, and report compliance with the scheme's rules. To return capital, schemes would need unsevered parentage with the cheme's parent company(ies). All such would need, for each qualifying year, an unqualified audit report (or its equivalent successor) and compliance with SSAP24. Boards would be obliged to declare all receiving businesses to be going concerns in every communication in pursuing the re-claim (and directors to be personally liable for mis-declarations, statutorily outwith insurance).

Given this pattern, the Inland Revenue would be asked for commissioners to approve a scheme of arragement for repayment. With their certificate, the High Court would be empowered to approve the scheme, and the result would be a trust with two years' life, and the Court, the Revenue and a consulting actuary as joint trustees. After a period of four months, the trust would return the sanctioned surplus portion, monthly, in 20 payments in return for fresh certificates from the fund's rustees and the company boards stating no material change in the company employee nor in the scheme's liability profiles.

This could be put through by Christmas in a short, simple Act with a couple of statutory instruments. And something like it is badly overdue.

Yours faithfully,
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
430	346	Abbey Ntl	418	+3	11.5	3.4	16.1
238	179	Allied Irish	235	...	...	4.4	13.0
176	130	Ans New Z	164	...	...	5.5	...
3800¼	2712½	Bankamerica	2862¾	+81¼	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	241	...	...	5.6	∞
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
148	116½	Bank Scotland	148	+2	4.5	3.9	20.5
470	362	Barclays	465	+2	...	4.1	...
3¼	2	Benchmark	2¾	+¼	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19¼	15¾	Cathlic	19	+½	...	...	...
511	395	Cater Allen	511	+6	26.0	6.4	...
128	85	Cattles	128	...	...	4.1	17.0
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1925 †	-15¼	...	...	...
2047½	1343¾	Citicorp	1793¾	+6¼	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	360	-1	...	3.4	16.0
£125¼	9275	Commerzbk	£125¼	+112½	...	3.3	...
£304¼	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£282	-121¼	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	78	-1	...	...	...
1443	876	Fuji Bank Y	1443	-18	...	0.3	∞
465	343	Gerrard Nat	420 †	...	21.5	6.4	11.2
654	490	HSBC	650	+6	19.0	3.7	15.6
674	474	HSBC HK	651	+4	19.0	3.8	15.1
356	243	Hambros	337	+5	...	5.3	15.4
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
158	96	King Shaxson	134	...	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	405	...	16.0	4.9	14.0
574	492	Lloyds	574	+6	18.4	4.0	16.4
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	83	...	3.0	4.5	16.5
451½	322	Nat Aust Bk	431 †	...	...	4.7	14.9
489	398	Nat West	475	+7	17.5	4.6	28.9
392	270	Provident	392	+4	11.4	3.6	17.0
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
292	207	Ryl Bk Scot	290	+3	8.8	3.8	...
987½	467½	Schroders	943	...	...	1.5	18.8
758	576	Stand Chart	754	+8	20.0	3.3	...
195½	145½	TSB	195	+4	6.4	4.1	...
150	78	Union Disc	149	...	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	734 †	+5	...	3.3	18.3
250	185	-do- 6% 'A'	249½	+1½	...	3.0	...
7850	4843¾	Wells Fargo	6737½	+243¾	...	1.6	...
170	121	Westpac	164 †	...	...	4.6	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	+5	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	545	+15	...	4.8	14.7
647	444	Bass	478	+11	18.9	4.9	10.4
273	189	Boddington	267	...	7.3	3.4	15.6
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	375	-4	9.0	3.0	17.3
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	135	...	4.4	4.1	9.8
307	261	Devenish (JA)	283	...	7.8	3.5	15.9
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	102	+4	...	4.0	26.6
68½	50½	Fosters Brewing	51¼	...	...	5.3	7.1
390	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	390	...	...	2.2	16.4
480	383	Grand Met	419	+7	12.3	3.7	13.7
427	380	Greenalls Grp	386	+1	11.7	3.8	12.8
563	505	Greene King	539	...	11.6	2.7	14.0
516	440	Guinness	493	+9	...	3.0	17.5
281	230	Hardy Hansn	238	...	7.9	4.1	13.2
125	105	Heavitree▲	105	...	3.0	3.6	25.2
95	78	-do- 'A' LV▲	82	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
308	255	Highland Distl	308	+7	6.0	2.4	20.5
3125	2538	Holt J	2950	...	41.0	1.7	19.2
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56 #	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	274	...	1.8	3.2	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	170	...	0.9	0.7	38.2
465	375	Marstn Marstn 'A'	383 †	...	...	2.9	18.3
810	655	Mansfield	810	...	15.4	2.4	∞
256	231	Mrstn Thmp	239	...	5.4	2.9	∞
435	357	Matthew Clark	425	+5	...	5.3	∞
300	253	Mrydwn W	275	...	...	2.8	19.9
530	455	Morland	528 †	...	8.4	2.0	21.0
12	6¼	Paramount▲	8½	-¼	...	2.1	15.5
165	145	Regent Inns	161	+1	...	3.5	16.1
950	753	SA Breweries	895	+5	...	3.1	∞
482½	408	Scot & New	472	+8	16.1	4.3	12.9
223	181	Taunton Cider	212	...	...	2.8	19.8
248	213	Vaux Group	223	...	9.3	5.2	15.4
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	285	...	...	2.1	23.0
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	487 †	+8	...	4.6	12.2
1180	850	-do- 'B'	950 †	...	...	2.4	23.3
613	498	Wolvrhmptn D	518	+3	11.4	2.8	14.6
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	∞

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	113	...	...	1.2	40.8
27	13	Albrighton▲	19	...	...	...	...
108	87	Allen▲	108	...	...	5.8	10.8
99	65	Amec	93	+1	3.0	4.0	17.2
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6½	...	...	...	...
216	155	Ashtead▲	216	...	4.1	2.4	26.8
142	108	Atwoods	119	...	5.0	5.3	17.0
240	180	BPB Ind	228	+3	...	4.1	58.0
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	85	...	3.1	4.6	28.3
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcon	100 †	...	1.2	1.6	18.1
147	94	Barratt Devs	147	+1	2.0	1.7	16.4
412	305	Bellway	401	+2	...	3.7	23.2
32	15	Bellwinch	25	-1	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	377	-6	...	2.0	26.0
83	45	Bett Bros	83 †	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	60	...	1.0	2.1	66.3
265	189	Blue Circle	262	+3	...	5.4	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	282	...	5.9	2.6	15.8
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
121	82	Br Dredging	113	-1	5.2	5.8	25.1
83	45	Brit Fittings	81	-2	1.5	2.3	...
151	99	Bryant	139	+1	4.8	4.3	29.7
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	274	-2	...	3.4	17.4
43	22	Cakebread Rby	34	...	...	...	...
45½	23	Costain	44	+1	...	...	...
137½	86½	Countryside	130	...	...	4.0	34.0
70	38	Crest Nicholson	66	...	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	85	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
255	178	Epwin	255	+5	6.8	3.3	21.6
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
378	232	Eve Group▲	378	+8	...	1.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	56½	-½	2.0	4.4	26.5
6½	4½	Explamare▲	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	16.9
78	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...
878	695	Gleeson (MJ)	878	+10	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	117	-½	...	3.5	26.6
51	28	Hewetson	49	...	2.6	...	48.8
291	186	Heywd Wm	291	+6	12.5	5.4	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	99	-1	2.5	3.2	...
35	27	How Gp	28	...	...	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	68	...	1.0	1.8	...
18¼	12½	Jarvis	15	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	263	+3	9.0	4.3	10.5
83	55	Ln Clydesdale▲	68	...	4.5	8.3	25.6
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	21	...	...	...	9.5
315	240	Manders	313	...	9.0	3.6	19.2
143	93	Marley	136	+1	4.2	3.9	39.9
91	61	Marshalls	90	...	4.0	5.7	∞
163	122	Maunders (J)	163	...	4.9	3.8	14.9
214	96	McAlpine (A)	208	-1	6.5	3.9	36.0
40	23	McCarthy & S	35	-1	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	360	-7	10.0	3.5	∞
4	4	Miskin Gp▲	4 #	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	118	...	4.0	4.2	...
78	51	NSM	66	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler ▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	150	-1	...	6.6	20.0
300	197	Persimmon	261	-13	8.6	4.1	26.6
31	20	Phoenix Timber	26	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	28.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	130	-3	3.4	3.3	...
6½	3¼	Quiliggotti▲	4½	...	...	...	...
780	555	RMC Gp	760	+4	...	3.3	29.9
117	90	Raine Ind	95	...	6.0	7.9	15.9
36	23	Ransom▲	21	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	483	+7	25.0	6.5	28.1
75	64	Rosket	72	...	4.3	7.5	10.6
296	207	Rugby Group	281	...	6.4	2.9	21.5
42	23	Svrtid-Rve▲	42	...	...	...	...
113	66	Sharpe & Fisher	113	...	...	4.4	19.6
172	86½	Sheffield Insl	167 †	-2	...	4.0	41.0
100	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	100	...	...	2.5	14.9
95	66	Shorco▲	74	...	...	8.8	16.8
228	197	Smart (J)	197 †	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6½	4½	Starmin	5	...	0.3	7.5	∞
142	103	Tarmac	140	+2	5.5	4.9	...
194	137	Tay Homes	180	...	5.8	4.1	11.5
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	106	+1	1.0	1.2	...
588	433	Tilbury Dougls	585	...	33.0	7.1	∞
29	19	Torex Hire▲	20	+1	...	1.7	...
227	168	Travis Perkins	226	...	8.0	4.4	39.8
40	30	Try Group	36	-1	1.0	3.5	10.2
28	26	Tudor▲	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	67	-1	3.6	6.7	12.3
65	20	Ward Hldgs	49	-1	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	391	+1	10.7	3.4	16.9
26	8	Westol▲	26	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	136 †	...	5.0	4.6	21.2
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	425	...	8.7	2.6	28.2
205	147	Wilson (C)	192	...	3.9	2.6	33.3
193	105	Wimpey G	175	-3	5.2	3.9	...
47	25	YRM	43	...	4.0	...	5.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	588	-10	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London▲	64	...	...	6.8	7.9
54	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Auto Sec	165	-1	...	4.0	29.6
116	84	BET Ord	111	+3	3.2	3.7	...
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
318	258	BPP	290	...	8.0	3.4	16.0
285	235	Barbour Index	245	...	7.2	3.7	18.2
22	15	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
243	184	Brit Data Mgt	243	+2	...	2.1	20.3
31	11	Broadcastle▲	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	70	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	95	+3	2.4	3.2	10.9
178	139½	Capita Group	178	...	...	1.5	27.8
43½	31	Caskett Plc	43½	...	0.8	2.3	∞
55	40	Chiltern Capital	49	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	41	...	...	...	...
310	228	Chubb Sec	308	+1	...	1.9	20.3
69	18	Comaca▲	69	+25	...	2.7	17.2
30	6½	Corp Services	28	+2½	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	87	...	3.3	4.7	9.8
231	198	Davis Service	221	...	...	4.6	16.6
104	85	EW Focus▲	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	23	+½	0.6	3.6	15.0
44	20	Gartner (DC)	42	...	...	...	...
246	215	Hays	220	+1	4.6	2.6	21.7
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	197	+4	6.3	4.0	14.8
70	47	Holmes Protectn	47	...	...	...	3.1
199	127	Hutch Whamp	188	-1	...	2.5	∞
1950	975	ISS B DKr	1950	...	...	5.7	2.6
637	532	Inchcape	587	+3	...	2.9	20.4
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	∞
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	225	...	2.7	1.5	18.5
1187	893	Manpower	976	...	...	...	...
48	40½	Michael Page	48	...	1.8	4.7	20.4
279	217	Penna▲	223	-12	...	5.8	∞
4½	2	Prime People▲	3	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	85	+2	...	18.1	4.6
423	373	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.7	12.7
118	104	REA	104	...	4.0	4.8	...
103	43	Reed Executive	102	...	...	...	...
159	113	Reliance Secs	132	-1	...	4.3	13.3
238	178	Rentokil	185	+6	2.3	1.6	23.1
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	265	...	7.2	3.5	∞
399	342	Salvesen (C)	348	+1½	...	2.8	18.8
35	29	Scott Pickford▲	29	...	...	3.4	8.0
305	164	Securiguard	300	-3	9.4	3.9	15.0
6½	5	Select Appt▲	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	953	...	14.0	1.8	26.4
352	265	Sherwd Cmpt▲	247	...	...	3.5	∞
130	90	Sketchley	90	...	3.0	4.2	∞
355	310	Warner Howrd	320	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
45	27	Weipac	31	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	22½	...	...	0.6	30.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	224	...	...	2.4	19.1
783	613	Amersham	772	+8	13.5	2.2	∞
7	3¼	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£101¼	8325	BASF DM	9562½	+25	...	7.2	...
259	199	BTP	250	+1	...	4.7	20.3
£119	£101¼	Bayer DM130	£108½	...	...	5.3	...
178	134	Blagden	167	...	9.3	7.1	18.0
165	93	Brent Chems	99	+2	...	9.3	9.1
530	395	Br Bio-Tech	395	-4	...	...	...
20	15	Caird Gp	16	...	1.3	10.4	∞
153	126	Canning (W)	141	...	7.2	6.5	16.2
608	504	Courtaulds	540 †	+3	...	3.2	14.4
281	228	Croda	281	...	...	3.4	18.4
149	121	Deeflex	140	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
208	175	Ellis & Everard	205	+2	7.0	4.3	18.7
33½	15½	Euro Colour	32¾	-½	0.8	3.1	19.9
291	259	Halstead (J)	290	...	...	2.6	14.5
241	194	Hickson	219	...	...	4.6	20.3
£114¼	8850	Hoechst	9962½	-25	...	3.8	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	224	...	...	2.1	20.6
710	608	ICI	707	+16	...	4.9	...
688	581	Laporte	644	...	19.5	3.8	17.8
223	181	Leigh	202½	+½	7.4	5.0	∞
19½	7	MTM	13½	...	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1675	...	...	1.7	23.8
450	370	Patrsn Zoch	448	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	238	Plysu	238 †	...	7.0	3.7	∞
215	173	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
13½	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	11	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	430	+1	16.0	4.7	17.3
490	395	Wolstnhlme R	465	...	17.0	4.6	15.9
401	368	Yorks Chem	373	...	...	2.6	20.0
306	240	Yule Catto	292	...	5.9	2.5	17.8
637	609	Zeneca	617	+1	...	5.6	36.4

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	83	-5	3.0	4.5	...
87	42	Amber Day	68	-5	3.1	5.7	18.6
379	257	Argos Plc	312	...	...	2.8	26.6
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	117 †	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey▲	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
133	94	Austin Reed	133 ‡	+3	...	4.7	32.5
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	146	-1	...	5.1	14.7
121	94	Bentalls	100	...	1.9	2.4	...
276	208	Betterware	240 †	...	...	1.0	23.7
38	22	Blacks Leis	32	...	2.2	9.2	∞
227	133	Body Shop	193 †	...	...	1.1	24.9
16	12	Brown & Jackson	14½	-¼	...	0.7	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	378 †	...	...	2.3	22.2
87½	64½	Burton	84	...	...	3.0	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
358	305	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	145	...	4.2	3.7	17.5
247	212	Coats Viyella	226	+2	...	4.0	26.6
106	78	Colourvision▲	96	...	...	...	16.2
518	374	Courts Furnish	518	+9	5.0	1.2	26.0
155	115	Crown Eyes▲	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
115	89	Dairy Farm Intl	111	...	...	3.0	17.6
70½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	69½	...	1.0	1.8	22.5
231	194½	Dixons Grp	215	+1	6.0	3.5	25.3
405	320	Dunhill	348	-1	8.1	3.0	∞
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	+¼	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	480	...	16.0	4.5	15.4
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
249	203	Etam	240	...	6.9	3.6	22.0
562	499	Fine Art Dev	552	+2	12.7	2.9	18.0
50	36	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	406	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
88	24	French Conn▲	79	...	...	...	...
48	21	Gabbicci▲	45	...	2.0	...	9.0
65	43	Gent SR	50	+1	2.0	5.0	14.7
47	29	Goldsmiths Gp	46	...	0.3	0.8	...
3000	2400	GUS	3000	...	40.0	1.7	23.9
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1690	+7	40.0	3.0	13.5
40	33	Hampden Grp▲	34	...	...	3.7	16.9
40	30	Hardstone	43	-1	4.8	14.2	2.6
29½	20	Helene Plc	29½	...	2.0	10.7	11.1
60	29	Heritage▲	55	...	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle▲	58	...	...	2.3	8.2
93	63	Jacques Vert	83	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	586	-4	...	2.9	19.2
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	15.6
685	495	Liberty	640	...	7.2	1.4	75.4
320	265	Lloyds Chem	288	+5	5.5	2.4	11.3
152	120	MFI	135	...	...	3.5	18.0
365	311	Marks Spencer	341	+1	...	3.0	18.9
505	445	Menzies (John)	490	...	10.0	2.6	16.3
183	135	Moss Bros	182	...	5.5	3.8	∞
178½	139½	Next	161	-1	2.3	1.9	19.2
40	15	Oliver (G)	40	...	...	...	...
282	197	Ostlame Intl	262	...	...	4.7	...
63	45	Pentos	54	...	1.5	3.5	11.2
313	255	QS Hldgs	284	...	5.1	2.3	20.2
41½	11	Ramers Group	32½	-1	2.4	9.2	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp▲	31½	...	...	...	...
174	137	Sherwood Gp	170	+1	...	1.9	15.3
108	93	Sears	99	+½	3.5	4.4	∞
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	435	-4	13.4	3.9	15.3
15	4½	Specialeyes▲	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	210	...	...	3.0	26.8
191	148	T & S Stores	165	+1	5.9	4.5	12.3
133	71	Tie Rack	125	-1	...	1.0	20.3
220	160	Time Products	216	...	7.5	4.4	18.2
100	63	Usher (Frank)▲	97	...	...	6.4	7.7
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	35	Wensum▲	36	...	...	6.3	...
120	78	Wickes	110	-3	...	...	48.8
73	45	Wid of Leathers	73	+2	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	181	...	...	2.8	∞
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	143	ACT Group	160	...	5.0	4.0	∞
240	223	Acal▲	233	...	...	3.4	∞
162½	38	Acorn Compu▲	105	...	...	...	53.2
480	385	Admiral	441	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
48	19½	Alphameric	45	...	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	35½	+½	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo▲	80	...	...	...	...
21	13	Arlen	19	...	...	...	...
59	37½	Astec	58	...	...	...	0.9
293	250	Beales Hunter	292	+12	9.2	4.0	15.4
9	3½	Bennett & Fountn	5½	...	...	...	...
403½	319	BICC	393	+5	19.2	6.1	26.6
575	455	Blick	497	...	9.2	2.3	19.4
1700	1150	Borland▲	1450	+50	...	...	...
328	274	Bowthorpe	328	...	6.3	2.4	∞
445½	376	BT	423½	+10½	...	4.7	19.5
11	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	10½	-½	0.1	1.2	∞
160	110	Burnfield	159	...	5.7	4.5	25.1
760	669	Cable Wireless	749	+4	13.2	2.2	23.1
21½	11½	Chloride	20½	+½	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro▲	258	...	...	2.3	∞
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
158	108½	Cray Elect	153	...	...	0.4	12.5
365	243	Critchley	365	+10	...	2.1	∞
119	86	Dale	104	...	5.1	6.1	10.1
548	414	Delta	538	-1	...	3.3	22.1
298	205	Dennora El▲	298	...	...	2.1	23.5
620	460	Domino	464	-9	7.2	1.9	15.8
65	48	Dowding Mills	57	...	1.5	5.5	18.7
1040	865	Druck▲	985	...	...	1.2	24.0
411	358	Electrocomps	399	+6	...	2.5	18.3
573	470	El Data Pro	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
86	43	Electron House	83	-2	2.3	3.5	25.3
30½	10½	Ernest	25½	+½	0.1	0.5	...
591	442	Eurotherm	589	+1	8.0	1.7	26.8
141½	108	FKI	141½	+2½	2.3	2.0	27.4
405	340	Farnell Elect	405	+5	...	1.9	21.4
51	33	Feedback▲	48	...	...	...	...
18	6½	Ferranti	14½	...	...	...	...
203	101	First Tech	202	...	...	...	...
236	81	Forward Gp▲	222 †	...	...	1.9	20.1
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
340½	264	GEC	340	+2½	9.6	3.5	18.0
182	132	Graseby	166	+3	...	8.2	34.9
11½	7½	Graystone	9	+1½	...	...	...
39	36	Hillcare▲	36	...	...	...	...
168	83	INSTEM▲	168	+7	...	1.7	11.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.3	12.1
17½	8	Kembrey	15	-1	8.0	2.6	16.5
321	260	Kenwood App	321	+10	5.8	2.3	∞
181	47	Kewill Sys▲	162	...	...	...	8.1
207	100	Kode	205	...	5.5	3.4	24.3
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	43	-2	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	315	...	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	135	Life Sciences	157	+3	3.5	2.8	17.0
236	166	Logica	185	...	3.6	1.9	27.7
54	44	LPA Ind▲	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	177	MR Data Mngmt	179	-2	4.3	3.0	17.1
680	523	Macro 4	680	+7	...	2.3	22.8
630	522	Memvic-Swa▲	594	...	...	1.0	19.5
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2273	+5	...	...	20.9
227	194	Microgen	195	-2	7.2	4.9	12.6
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	25	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	501	+3	6.1	1.5	22.9
227	98	Mitel	212	+8	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp▲	119	...	...	3.7	15.1
28	16	Molynx	21½	...	1.3	7.6	∞
272	202	MTL Inst▲	218	...	...	2.1	16.4
165	122	Muirhead Elect	133	...	3.0	2.8	16.3
159	116	Murray Elect	159	+3	1.8	1.5	73.9
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5787½	+62½	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	148	...	3.6	2.2	19.0
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	...	...
114	58	Norbain▲	107	...	...	1.2	16.0
75	20	Northamber	62	...	0.5	1.0	...
15½	9	Oceonics	12½	...	...	...	8.1
265	195	Oxford Inst	265	+2	4.5	2.1	∞
83	48	P-E Internl	73	...	1.0	1.7	...
75	29	P & P	70	...	1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Peek	67	+2	3.4	6.3	17.5
190	115	Pegasus▲	149	-1	...	5.3	38.2
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	1012½	+37½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink▲	242	-3	...	...	...
462	343	Pilco	462	...	7.7	2.1	39.2
442	303	-do- 'A' Voting	442	...	7.7	2.2	37.4
96	63	Plasmec▲	72	...	...	6.5	6.1
104	70	Pressac	100	+2	2.4	3.0	20.2
135	103	Psion▲	115	-1	...	2.7	30.5
229	160	Racal Elect	226	+1	...	2.4	17.5
60	45	Radamec	58	...	1.0	3.2	∞
70	43	Radius▲	59	...	...	5.7	20.4
92	61	Real Time ▲	77	...	...	4.9	7.0
35	18	Rivat	34	+1	...	...	...
620	488	Sage Gp	532	...	9.0	2.1	17.1
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
145	117	Scholes Grp	140	...	5.0	4.5	27.5
330	270	Sema Gp	306	...	2.8	1.2	24.7
39	26	Silverdines	32	...	...	9.0	...
45	37	Soundtracks▲	43	...	...	6.4	14.5
2512½	1737½	TDK	2350	-112½	...	1.2	∞
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	14	...	...	...	∞
155	80	Telemetrix	134	+3	0.8	0.7	∞
899	809	THORN EMI	887	+5	...	4.6	18.0
111	96	Thorpe FW	104	...	2.5	3.0	10.7
103	70	Total Systems▲	79	+4	2.2	3.6	14.1
445	372	Tunstall	432 †	+3	6.0	1.7	17.3
256	164	Unitech	249	+2	5.8	2.9	43.6
11½	6	Verity▲	7½	...	...	...	...
34	24	Vitec	33	...	...	1.1	28.1
471	367	Vodafone	441	+4	...	2.0	19.8
441	368	Volex	387	...	...	5.5	19.6
26	11	Western Selectn	24	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Fitgs	254	...	11.7	5.8	24.2

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	486	+6	...	5.5	7.6
496	399	Eastern Elect	487	+7	16.7	4.5	11.6
356	304	Hydro-Elect	340	-1	...	4.3	12.0
500½	404	London Elect	465	+10	16.8	4.5	9.0
549	458	Manweb	522	+2	18.3	4.4	7.5
514	424½	Midlands Elec	478	+6	17.3	4.5	10.0
549	440	Northern Elec	508	+4	18.5	4.6	7.5
544	439	Norweb	498	-1	17.7	4.4	9.4
337	285	Scottish Power	317½	+½	...	4.5	11.5
520	436	Seeboard	518	+8	17.2	4.2	9.3
571	469	Sth Wales	545	+7	19.4	4.4	8.6
532	426	Sth Westn	477	+1	17.4	4.6	8.6
496	406	Southern Elec	464	+7	16.6	4.5	9.2
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	512	+10	17.7	4.3	9.5
368	273	National Powr	366 †	+2	...	3.6	11.1
384	273	PowerGen	383	+3½	...	3.4	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	52	...	0.5	...	33.2
85	47	BWD▲	84	...	...	4.9	13.1

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	26	Baltic Plc	90	+1	...	1.4	...
453	413	Caledonia	439	...	14.4	4.3	16.1
1500	1075	Camellia	1375	...	27.0	2.5	11.6
265	243	Candover	264	...	10.3	4.9	18.7
103	71	Fleurch▲	103 †	+9	...	0.6	∞
303	155	Govett	285	...	...	5.3	8.9
191	125	Ivory Sime	149	...	...	5.3	15.6
6¼	3	LIT	3¼	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lighthdsp	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
61	47	Maxdkin	61	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
276	246	Rathbone Brs	275	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
23½	17	Rutland Tst	23	...	...	4.3	13.7
310	253	S & U	267	...	10.0	4.7	∞
70	48	Singer & Friedl	70	+1	2.6	4.6	∞
973	738	Sotheby's	838	...	...	4.5	...
118	83	STP Capital	117	...	3.0	3.2	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1943¾	+31¼	...	...	...
236	183	Electra	236	+1	6.7	3.5	33.2
978	835	Henderson Ad	920	...	42.0	5.9	∞
138	92	Invesco MIM	137	+1	3.0	2.7	∞
227	164	Jardine Strat	227	...	...	3.2	11.2
194	154	MAI	192	...	6.0	3.9	14.0
527	389	MAM	524 †	...	15.0	3.6	13.1
799	633	M & G	778	-1	...	3.5	20.7
238	115	Smith New Ct	228	+2	4.5	2.4	9.5
81	55	Trio Hldgs	80	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	488	+1	14.0	3.8	10.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	70½	-½	...	2.8	22.8
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	220 †	+4	6.5	3.7	12.7
76	55	Albert Fisher	67	+1	3.7	7.0	11.2
407	297	Argyll	344	+1	...	4.0	12.5
25	12	Ashley Group	14½	...	...	4.8	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	127	...	8.0	7.9	∞
210	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	371	...	6.5	2.2	18.7
85	57	Bensons Crsp▲	66	...	...	5.4	14.8
141	112½	Berisford Intl	132	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	368	...	...	7.4	37.9
52	35	Borthwick	50½	...	1.2	3.0	∞
505	430	Brake Bros	503	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	41	...	...	...	13.0
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	465	+6	...	3.5	17.3
106	78	Carrs Milling	105	...	3.9	4.7	20.8
201	178	Cranswick▲	192	...	...	4.9	14.2
32	9½	Cullens	20	...	0.5	3.2	∞
384	168	Dalepak	207	...	6.0	3.6	9.3
491	424	Dalgety	450	+7	19.5	5.4	13.1
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	128	...	...	3.4	17.7
295	269	Farepak▲	280	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	70	Finlay (James)	70 †	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	369	...	8.1	2.7	16.6
12	7	Global▲	10	...	...	6.3	15.6
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	192	+1	6.1	4.0	11.6
171	131	Hillsdown	147	...	...	7.5	11.6
250	205½	Iceland Group	244 ‡	...	...	1.7	21.8
131	111	JLI Group	113	...	4.5	5.0	16.3
853	731	Kwik Save	737	-3	16.0	2.7	14.1
262	191	Low (Wm)	191	-2	8.4	5.5	9.2
58	41	Matthews (B)	58	...	2.2	4.8	38.0
19¼	12½	Merchant Retail	18	-½	1.1	8.0	∞
174	149	Morrison (W)	155	...	...	0.6	20.2
538	443	Nichols (JN)	533	...	13.6	3.2	15.4
280	242	Nthn Foods	261	+1	...	4.1	12.7
22	13	Nrthmbrn Fn▲	18	...	...	...	7.5
229	172	Nurdin Peack	217	+1	6.1	3.5	∞
248	205	Park Foods	248	+3	6.0	3.1	∞
115	83	Perkins Food	97	...	...	5.7	10.5
96½	47	PizzaExpress	86	...	...	0.7	49.4
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	6½	...	...	...	...
584	446	Sainsbury J	486	-1	...	2.6	17.0
68	33	Sentry Farm▲	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
225	121	Sims Food	121	...	...	7.7	6.5
438	357	Tate & Lyle	386	...	12.0	3.9	12.2
273	208	Tesco	219	+1	...	4.1	10.2
211	123	Thorntons	138	-1	3.6	3.3	12.8
183	101	Treats▲	161	-2	...	2.8	18.3
375	300	Unigate	350	+1	...	5.9	11.1
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	389	+1	...	4.9	20.1
25	21	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.3	13.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	315	...	13.3	5.4	16.2

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	14	Abrdn Stk H▲	14	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	84	-1	1.5	2.3	20.3
218½	170	Forte	216½	+3	...	4.3	17.0
199	155	Friendly Hotels	186	...	3.7	3.8	35.5
8	5	Harmony Leis▲	5½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	110	...	...	5.5	13.0
215	154	Ladbroke	178	-7	11.1	7.8	15.2
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	67	-1	...	4.7	18.0
59	44	Queens Moat	47¼ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cnpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	48½	...	3.4	8.9	9.5
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17½	...	...	6.3	∞
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	795	...	7.0	1.1	...
57	34½	Stakis	51	+1	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	201	+1	...	5.5	12.3
616	478	AAH	500	...	16.3	4.1	15.9
172	140	AIM	165	+5	6.5	4.9	10.2
132	88	APV	99	+1	...	6.8	...
233	81	ASW	216	...	...	3.5	...
168	124	Adwest	168	...	7.0	5.2	23.9
28	10	Aerospace Eng	21	-1½	1.0	...	12.8
518	434	Airsprung	505	...	9.0	2.3	∞
146	113	Alexdra W	146	...	3.8	3.3	40.3
13½	7	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
540	415	Alumasc	540	...	11.0	2.5	16.5
48	17	Alvis	42	-2	1.0	3.0	8.5
420	345	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.5	10.3
38	18	Amberley Gp▲	35	+2	...	3.6	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	4.4	4.9	∞
793	703	Antofagasta	731	-5	...	2.7	13.6
50½	37	Armour	41	...	1.4	4.5	12.0
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.0
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.9	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	488	+2	...	4.2	19.5
235	168	Assoc Nursng▲	210	...	...	...	8.0
667½	544½	Atlas Equip	653	-2	...	4.2	16.4
53	35	Ayrshire Metal	53	+8	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	156	-1	...	6.0	13.3
65	28	BLP Group▲	65	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	20	...	5.0	...	0.8
770	650	BOC	673	+6	23.2	4.3	14.8
79½	62	BSG	68½	...	...	5.8	23.8
487	353	BSS Group	446	...	17.3	5.0	∞
612	318	BTR	368 ‡	+½	...	6.1	12.6
221	185	BWI	185	...	6.7	4.5	17.8
41½	31	Babcock	36¾	...	2.1	7.2	∞
7½	4	Bailey (CH)	6¼	...	...	...	...
280	241	Baird (Wm)	262	+1	8.9	4.2	18.2
1083½	556¼	Barlow Rand	631¼	-9½	...	3.5	3.5
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	+1	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beaufort	7	-½	...	...	...
9	6¼	Beckenham▲	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	30	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17	...	...	...	...
707	513	Bespak	538	-1	9.0	2.1	16.8
133	82	Bibby (J)	82	-5	9.7	...	4.8
300	129	Bilham (J)	244	...	5.0	2.6	12.3
41	21½	Bilston Burgess▲	35	...	...	...	...
11½	6¼	Bimec Ind	8¼	...	0.6	...	...
158	126	Birkby	156	...	...	0.8	...
45	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1¼	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1¼	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	175	...	2.9	2.1	18.0
274	129	Bluebird Toys▲	271	-1	...	2.1	16.9
283½	247	Bodycote	285 ‡	-1	...	2.2	18.2
563	435	Boots	435	-2	...	3.9	16.1
61	45	Booth Inds	58	...	3.2	6.9	6.0
517	435½	Bowater	490	-1	11.5	2.9	19.4
1682	1293	Bowater Inc	1326 †	+33	...	...	...
248	199	Brammer Inds▲	244	...	...	1.9	18.3
19	12½	Brassway	16	...	0.5	4.5	20.7
268	204	Brammer	251	...	13.0	6.5	22.7
18	12	Bridgend Gp	17	+½	1.2	...	7.7
119	64	Bridon	112	+1	...	4.5	79.3
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	4.1	7.3	13.1
40	31	Brierley Inv	38	...	...	8.4	9.3
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	253	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock▲	49	...	...	...	...
522	417	Br Polythene	521	...	...	2.4	18.7
106	54	Br Steel	109½	...	...	1.2	...
130	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	2.9	36.2
17	11½	Br Thornton	16½	+1	...	1.9	...
268	236	Br Vita	236	-1	7.1	3.8	14.5
14	6½	Britton Grp	14	+½	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	609	-1	...	2.9	29.8
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	104	...	4.0	4.8	14.3
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	66	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	114	+2	6.0	6.6	19.5
26	13	Business Tech▲	16	+1	...	...	∞
28	17	CI Group	25	...	1.0	5.0	24.0
25	15	Campbl & Arm	21	...	2.0	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	28	...	...	...	...
241	205	Cape	241	...	10.5	5.4	15.4
236	178	Cardo Eng	226	+1	...	5.2	17.3
2988	2138	Carnaud Md	2425 †	...	...	2.7	∞
78	68	Caspidy Bros▲	72	...	...	4.2	8.0
187	158	Castings	183 †	...	4.3	3.0	∞
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.2	5.8	∞
707	605	Charter Cons	623	+2	21.5	4.3	15.0
288	220	Chemring	288	...	...	3.5	17.3
62	52	Chloride Gp▲	52	...	5.1	12.3	11.1
35	17	Chillington	32	-2	0.2	1.0	...
204	144	Christies Int	190	-1	1.5	1.0	∞
61	34	Clayhithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	95	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	325	Cohen (A)	325	...	6.8	2.6	∞
223	179	Community H	187	...	6.5	4.3	11.6
246	186½	Concentric	206	...	...	3.4	17.4
209	120	Cook (Wm)	203	+3	5.0	3.1	∞
215	182	Cookson	207	+1	...	3.6	27.4
46	38	Copymore▲	46	...	...	2.7	∞
238	173	Crowl Flr 'A'	187	-½	5.7	3.8	16.0
178	134	Coalt	127	-1	10.7	...	19.0
224	160	Creighton Nl▲	177	...	...	4.9	12.8
48	27	CrestaCare	44	-2	0.5	1.4	38.1
3550½	2993½	Dana	3512½	+50	...	...	...
828	314	Danka Bs Sys	775	-10	4.5	0.7	∞
16	5	Davies (DH)▲	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	683 †	+1	...	3.2	17.5
25	16	Dixkie Heel	24	...	0.9	4.9	19.1
494	391	Diploma	491	+1	9.5	2.5	25.6
77	50	Dobson Park	75 †	...	5.7	...	13.5
99	92	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	5.0	6.3	14.2
66	57	-do- 'A'	66	...	5.0	9.5	9.5
16½	8	EFG▲	11	...	...	...	...
421	369	EIS	389	+1	...	3.9	∞
15½	9¼	EIT Gp▲	9¼	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Elco	20	...	1.1	...	11.8
2350	1787½	Electrolux 'B'	1787½	-75	...	3.1	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	402	Eng China Cl	427	+2	...	6.0	23.0
2950	1950	Ericsson 'B'	2800	-96¼	...	1.1	...
91	27	Erskine Hse	90 †	...	...	3.3	4.1
53	32	Eurocopy	46	+1	1.6	...	17.7
87	47	Expamet	84	-2	3.2	4.8	∞
651	499	Fairey Group	651	+3	10.2	2.0	20.1
95	53	Fenner	82	...	4.2	...	15.5
68	37	Ferraris Groupe▲	59	...	...	2.2	13.5
1½	½	Ferrometal▲	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	26	...	2.5	12.0	18.2
51	28	Fife Indmar	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
251	147	Flmg	161½	+6½	...	6.7	18.7
53	29	Flexitallic	38	...	...	14.1	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	39	Folkes Group nv	39	...	1.5	4.8	...
75	56	French (Thomas)	73	...	3.6	6.2	36.6
218	166½	Frost Group	214	+11	4.0	2.4	∞
85	71	GEI Int	82	...	7.3	11.2	16.9
489	434	GKN	466	+4	...	3.5	31.1
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.0	8.2	...
160	103	Gestetner	115	+11	8.2	8.9	5.0
38	23	Gleves	23	...	...	...	16.6
801	545	Glaxo	602	+1	17.0	3.5	16.8
26	16	Glenchewton	24	...	...	...	...
317	245	Glynwed	289	+1	11.6	5.0	27.2
100	66	Goode Durrant	91	...	5.4	7.4	19.3
134	102	Grampian Hld	133	...	5.5	5.2	23.1
411	341	Granada	408	+3	7.7	2.4	22.7
407	301	Great Sthrn▲	399	...	...	3.4	16.4
96	78	Green (Ernst)▲	95	...	...	9.1	13.3
15½	8½	Greenecre▲	13	-½	...	2.7	12.9
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	9	...	...	...	...
56	30½	Haden MacLn	56	+3½	...	4.5	20.2
83	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	75	...	...	...	...
235	115	Hall Eng	225	+1	8.6	4.8	18.8
258	215	Halma	241	-1	2.2	1.1	29.8
49	30	Hampson Ind	38	...	2.3	...	10.3
269½	226½	Hanson	227½	+½	...	6.3	11.6
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	...	3.9	15.6
187	147	Harrisn Crsfld	170	+3	9.0	6.3	25.8
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	40	-1	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	24	-2	0.7	3.6	12.7
394	301	Hepworth	379	+2	14.8	4.9	18.3
228	160	Hewitt (J)	225	...	3.0	1.7	17.6
38	15	High-Point	31	...	1.3	...	...
146	112½	Hill & Smith	146	...	...	4.8	20.3
10	6½	Hobson▲	7½	...	...	...	...
119	87	Holders Tech▲	119	...	...	6.3	15.5
49	30	Hopkinsons	46 †	...	1.3	3.5	19.0
167	134	Hornby▲	134	...	...	8.4	12.7
17½	6	Hospital Crp	8½	...	...	11.8	2.3
73	54½	Howden	70	...	...	3.5	10.8
231½	173	Hunting	224	...	...	5.6	18.9
415	289½	Huntligh Tech▲	410	...	...	1.8	∞
295	247	IMI	284	+3½	...	4.4	24.3
108	90	ISA Intl	106	+1	1.5	1.8	16.5
205	179	Intercare Gp▲	188	...	...	1.7	19.9
255	235	Isotron	249	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
538	380	Jardine Math	514	+5	...	2.3	19.9
537	438	Johnson Matth	456	-2	...	2.9	18.5
64	51	Johnson & FB	53½	...	3.0	7.1	16.2
177	104	Johnston	172	...	3.2	2.4	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	31	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.0	...
55	26	Kalamazoo	55	...	...	...	45.3
178	73	Kalon	164	...	...	2.4	22.8
297	253	Kelsey Ind	273 †	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	500	...	27.0	6.8	25.9
168	75	Kleeneze	154	+1	...	...	...
143	61	LGW▲	142	-1	3.0	2.6	11.8
303	266	Laird	294	+3	...	4.5	14.5
166	105	Lee (Arthur)	160	+1	...	4.7	66.0
153	110	Lillishall	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.9
153	97	Lincat▲	146	...	...	4.4	12.6
18¼	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	17	...	...	...	14.0
128	78	Linread	115	...	3.7	4.1	17.8
208	170	Linton Park	200	+5	14.0	8.8	∞
15½	10½	Lionheart	14½	...	0.2	1.8	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	50.4
274	175	Lon Intl	175	-2	9.4	6.8	11.9
122	70	Longton	113	-½	...	4.4	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	321	...	...	3.5	46.0
343	268	MB-Caradon	280	+6	...	3.9	21.7
169½	135	-do- pf	141	+2	7.2	6.4	...
27	14½	ML Hdgs	24	...	1.8	...	23.2
43	27	MS Intl	37	...	2.5	8.4	51.7
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
190	168	Macfarlane	188	...	...	2.1	21.3
433	379	McKechnie	433	+2	14.7	4.3	21.5
106	88	McLeod Russel	90	...	6.0	8.6	10.6
10½	5½	Maddox	6	...	...	...	...
76	63	Magnolia	76	...	0.1	0.2	12.2
106	71	Mang Bronze	95	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	21	Marling	21	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn▲	161	-1	...	3.9	13.4
54	29	Mayflower	51	...	...	3.1	∞
236	191½	Medeva	227	-1	...	1.3	18.4
112½	88	Meggitt	112½	+2½	...	4.2	19.1
118	98	Metalrax	108 †	...	...	4.3	17.5
76	70	Metsec▲	75	...	...	...	...
82	29	Midstates	74	...	...	1.3	∞
25	14	Mining & Ald	23	-1	0.5	2.7	...
488	368	Molins	468	...	...	3.7	12.1
345	262	Morgan Cble	303	+8	...	5.2	16.2
145	134	Morris Ashby▲	138	...	...	4.3	12.0
31	18	Neepsend	25	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
169	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
174	127½	Norcros	159	+1	...	5.7	∞
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
413	310	Nu-Swift	388	...	...	6.4	10.7
53	38	Office Elec Mac	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	22½	...	1.7	9.7	...
140	123	PCT▲	134	...	...	7.3	14.1
48	42	Pacer Systems▲	42	-1	...	8.7	...
128	105	Pentland	105	...	...	3.0	14.3
385	380	Photo-Me	385	...	4.4	1.4	19.6
137	97½	Pilkington	130	+2	4.0	3.9	...
32	19	Platon▲	27	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	70	...	3.0	5.4	11.0
154	126	Polypipe	139	-1	1.9	1.8	20.1
32	19	Porter Chadburn	21½	-½	2.5	14.5	5.3
7½	5½	Porth Gp▲	6½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	334	...	6.6	2.5	∞
20	16½	Prospect Inds	19	-½	0.7	4.9	9.5
54	39½	RPS Group▲	53	...	...	3.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
184	77	Ranco Oil▲	184	+15	...	1.4	...
762	636	Rank Org	754	+6	31.0	5.1	20.6
33	23	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
687	532	Reckitt Colm	581	+2	...	3.5	21.1
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	194	+3	4.9	3.2	23.3
303	275	Renishaw	289	...	6.5	2.8	22.1
62	55	Renold	61	...	1.0	2.0	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1358	+2	21.2	2.0	22.5
37½	24½	Rexmore	37½	...	1.7	5.8	9.2
120	91	Ricardo Group	118	...	5.7	6.0	33.2
68	58	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
83	63	Richardson West	83	...	3.0	4.5	21.3
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
122	97	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.0	16.3
38	28	Ross Gp	33	...	0.6	2.5	13.5
171	131½	Rotork	170 ‡	+3	...	2.7	22.5
135	100	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
65	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	26	...	...	3.7	23.5
800	625	SKF 'B'	762½	-25	...	...	...
342	232	Sanderson Elec	303	+11	9.0	3.8	12.7
83	39	Savage▲	83	+1	...	0.4	...
45	39	Saville Grdn (J)	45	...	2.2	6.1	17.8
248	208	Scapa	236	+½	...	3.2	16.2
238	192	Scholl	225	...	...	3.5	16.4
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	945	...	2.6	0.3	30.0
668	552	-do- 'A'	615	...	2.6	0.3	28.4
565	465	Security Serv	519	...	5.0	1.3	25.7
106	77	Senior Eng	106	+½	...	3.7	17.7
361	306	Seton Health	332	-1	5.8	2.2	∞
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	132	...	2.9	2.7	14.2
361	289	Sidlaw	341	+1	10.0	3.7	15.9
501	427	Siebe	469	-4	...	2.7	17.0
313	220	Silentnight	313	+5	...	3.2	18.4
124	102	Sime Darby	111	...	...	3.8	13.6
142	32	Simon Eng	43	+1	5.0	14.5	9.8
239	235	Sinclair (Wm)	239	...	7.0	3.7	15.4
47	37	Six Hundred	38	...	2.0	5.9	∞
164	149½	Smith & Neph	141½	-½	...	4.1	19.0
513	389	Smithkline	436	+6½	8.6	2.5	15.8
450	340	Smithkline Bn	391	+7	...	3.4	14.1
394	320	Smiths Ind	360	-2	11.2	3.9	14.7
140	66	Sthn Bus	72	...	3.3	6.0	6.7
410	265	Spandex▲	405 †	...	...	2.0	18.0
650	300	Spear (JW)	525	-75	4.0	3.4	9.7
382	314	Spirax-Sarco	379	...	...	3.4	21.5
145	55	Spring Ram	69	+3	...	0.6	18.9
270	222	Staveley	239	-2	8.5	4.6	∞
147	126	Sterling Ind	133	+1	5.6	5.3	16.7
20	11	Stonehill	18½	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	149	...	8.8	7.4	15.6
360	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	354	...	...	2.5	∞
7	5	Sycamore	5½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Syltone	275	...	9.4	4.3	12.7
198	164	T&N	191	...	...	7.1	30.6
343	279	TI	342	+5	...	3.0	18.9
23	12	TLS Range▲	18	-1	...	1.7	...
288	218	TT Group	288	+1	6.8	2.6	17.1
249	220	Telnar	233	+1	1.8	1.0	19.3
823	618	Takeda Chem	812	-4	...	0.6	21.5
42	24	Tex Hldgs	40	...	...	...	...
94	70	Tinsley (E)▲	94	...	...	6.9	11.0
225	150	Tilbona	195	...	...	2.3	17.0
271	222	Tomkins	239	+2	...	3.3	16.8
110½	87	Trafalgar H	105	-1	...	3.8	7.7
110	65½	-do- 'A'	105	-½	...	...	...
599	346	Transfer Tech	599	+14	16.0	3.6	14.1
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.0	16.0
252	220	UniChem	220	-1	5.6	3.2	∞
308	275½	Unidare	308	...	...	7.0	9.2
44	11½	Unigroup	43½	...	...	...	...
1240	980	Unilever	1044	+15	31.3	2.6	14.2
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7150	+96¼	...	3.0	10.4
810	513	VSEL	703 †	-2	...	4.8	8.2
9½	6¼	Verson	9½	...	...	...	...
145	99½	Vickers	136	+1	...	1.4	...
367	333	Victaulic	333	-1	...	3.0	15.9
365	283	Vinten	365	+5	...	2.4	17.0
604	427	Vosper Thorny	584	...	15.8	3.4	∞
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	6.4	11.2
468	430	Wagon Ind	421	...	...	5.0	16.3
86	71	Walker Greenbk	82	...	3.1	4.7	20.9
258	201	Wassall	251	+3	2.5	1.3	25.3
36½	22	Welford Wdgwd	36	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	603	...	...	2.4	17.0
993	658	Wellcome	724	+6	13.0	2.2	20.0
23½	22½	Wellman	23½	...	2.2	...	8.8
300	260	West Hlncare	295	+1	...	1.6	18.9
495	460	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.8
353	287	Whessoe	325 †	...	...	3.1	12.6
10½	4	Wheway	9½	...	...	1.0	13.2
50	27	Whitecroft	49	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	7	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkes (James)	81	...	3.5	5.4	23.7
365	295½	Williams Hldg	302½	+1½	12.5	5.2	15.8
31½	17	Wilshaw	30½	...	0.4	1.7	25.1
661	533	Wolseley	630	...	12.5	2.5	21.8
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	2.8	...	25.7
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1603½	+12½	...	3.7	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2000	...	...	3.5	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	46	...	4.4	12.0	22.4
148	118	Bradstock	129	+6	5.1	4.9	15.9
1485	1078	Britannic	1483	...	33.5	2.8	...
641	556	Com Union	597	+11	...	5.1	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
27	18	FAI	26	...	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	583	+2	28.7	5.7	...
195	160	GRE	181	+4	7.0	4.8	15.0
370	293	Heath C E	349	+7	16.0	5.9	∞
195	168	Hogg Gp	190	+5	8.1	5.4	17.2
198	164	JIB Group	194	+5	7.5	4.8	19.6
493	408½	Legal & Gen	466	+9	...	5.1	28.5
1026	768	Liberty Life	896	+1	...	3.2	15.5
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	433	+5	17.3	5.0	15.6
312	253	Lloyd Thomp	312	+9	5.6	2.2	33.0
368	274	London & Man	336	...	14.2	5.3	24.7
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	350	+5	12.6	4.5	13.9
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5600	-112½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	89	...	...	7.0	∞
68	50½	PWS	61	+7	4.0	8.2	8.8
342	282½	Prudential	323	+6	...	4.6	21.5
1138	800	Refuge	1060	...	31.5	3.7	29.4
319	248	Royal	288 †	+3	...	2.8	...
190	153	Sedgwick	190	+4	6.0	3.9	22.9
261	205	Steel Burrill	243	+6	...	6.8	14.4
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.3
362	307	Sun Alliance	361	+9	14.2	4.9	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	56	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	275	...	12.0	5.5	25.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	718	...	14.5	2.5	31.3
212	171	Willis Corroon	207	-3	...	4.0	44.5
20	13½	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1663	+13	45.0	3.4	∞
260	226½	Amer Trust	236	...	4.9	2.6	49.0
363	304	Ang & O'seas	359	...	6.8	2.4	45.6
136½	124	BZW Conv	134	+¼	7.8	7.3	15.7
161	133½	Bankers	159	+½	3.4	2.7	43.7
298	264	Baring Tribne	280	+1	8.4	2.9	44.3
160	131	Berry Starq	160	...	2.2	1.7	52.0
106½	96½	Br Assets	99½	...	...	5.4	24.4
71½	57½	Br Empire Sec	71½	...	0.8	1.6	72.6
22	14	-do- Wnts	21	+½	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	167 †	+1	4.5	3.4	∞
164	130	Contl Assets	154	+1	2.4	1.9	51.2
195	144	Derby Inc	151	+1	16.6	13.8	9.1
258	195	-do- Cap	250	...	...	...	...
133½	90	Drayton Asia	133½	...	0.7	0.7	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	66	...	8.4	15.9	7.3
69	35	-do- Eng Intl	67	...	1.2	2.2	∞
120	84	-do- Far East	120	+2	0.6	0.7	...
116	95	-do- Korea	115 †	...	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	579	-1	25.4	5.5	26.6
611	513	-do- Wrde	611	+6	9.5	1.9	62.9
270	222	Dundee & Lon	261	...	12.0	5.7	24.1
51	46	EFM Inc Tst	46	...	4.8	13.6	∞
54	51½	-do- Olr Pf	52½	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	265½	+1½	8.4	4.0	20.1
169	141	Electric Gen	169	+3	3.1	2.3	53.8
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	205	Europen Asset	244	+1	...	3.1	28.2
102	77	Finsbury 'A'	102	...	3.0	3.7	32.8
290	248	Fleming Amer	269	...	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	196 †	+1	...	3.6	38.6
350	212	Do Cons	349 †	+1	2.7	1.4	∞
174	147	-do- Emg	174	+2	4.5	3.2	39.1
290	213	-do- F East	280 †	+4	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	294	...	3.0	1.3	...
117	105½	-do- Hi Inc	116 †	+1	5.8	6.2	∞
227	136	-do- Japan	227	+4	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	259½	+1½	6.7	3.2	∞
281	232	-do- Oseas	280	+1	4.0	2.0	59.7
230	209	Foreign & Col	230	+1½	3.3	1.8	82.6
184	164	-do- Eurotst	186	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	97	...	0.5	0.6	...
276	191	-do- Pacific	270	+4	1.3	0.9	...
145	116	-do- Smaller	145	+½	...	1.6	73.6
233	148	GT Japan	233	+5	...	0.6	...
133	65	Genl Cons Cap	133	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	109	...	...	8.7	11.3
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	127	...	...	...	...
284	184	-do- Oriental	284	+3	0.9	0.4	...
250	207	-do- Strategy	250	...	...	1.4	34.5
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	8.3	2.2	55.4
10	5	Gresham House	10	...	...	...	...
59	47	Independent Inv	50	+½	0.5	1.3	79.2
134	124	Inv Cap	128	...	5.1	5.0	25.7
92	77	IBS UK Smllr	80	...	2.6	3.0	24.6
183	158½	Kleinwort Char	172	+1	5.0	3.6	33.5
205	170	-do- O'seas	204	...	3.3	2.0	58.0
136	108	-do- Smlr	125	...	4.0	4.0	30.1
595	540	Law Debenture	592	+2	18.2	3.8	29.6
175	164	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	31.9
240	221	Merchants	240	+1	10.0	5.5	21.3
5093¼	3700	Merrill Lynch	4843¾	+59¼	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	434	+1	0.7	2.0	∞
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	118	+1	...	4.9	23.4
37	23	Do Warrants	35	+1	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	45	+1	0.1	0.4	∞
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	307 †	...	...	4.4	28.2
319	285	-do- Intl	295	+1	11.4	4.8	26.0
316	263	-do- Small	316	+2	4.0	1.6	68.1
103	90½	-do- S/C Inc	98	...	...	13.7	9.5
98	77	-do- S/C Cap	98	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Ult	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DF	144	+½	...	...	...
261	230	-do- Vent	261	+1	...	4.6	31.0
75	56½	New Provider	74	...	0.2	0.4	...
88	68	Nwsburg Inc	79	...	6.7	11.0	∞
259	249	O'seas Inv Tst	259	+2	2.8	1.3	...
385	285	Pacific Assets	385	+1	1.1	0.4	...
289	187	Do Warrants	289	+2	...	...	...
8200	7050	Personal Assets	8125	...	...	2.5	48.5
144	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	143 †	+1	1.1	1.0	∞
123	108	River & Merc	113	+1	0.2	10.2	11.3
398	350	Robeco	398	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	390	...	...	2.1	...
242	214	St Andrew Inv	241	...	7.3	3.8	32.4
148½	131	Scot American	144½	+½	4.3	3.8	30.6
337	136	Scott Asian	337	+2	...	...	...
405	225	do Warrants	405	...	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	71½	+1	1.5	2.7	47.0
201	183	Scottish	200½	+1	4.8	2.9	41.6
301	178	-do- Mrge	195½	+2½	4.0	2.6	52.7
82½	71	-do- Value	82½	+½	...	2.7	58.8
1503	1360	Second Allnce	1469	+14	36.3	3.1	39.5
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	84	+½	3.2	4.8	27.8
130	107½	Selective Asset	127	+1	1.2	1.2	45.7
22	14	Sphere Inv	22	+½	3.1	17.6	7.1
141	112	TR Far East	141	+1	4.5	4.0	31.0
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	137½	+½	4.7	4.3	28.9
147½	110	TR Pacific	147½	+2	0.3	0.3	...
28½	17	TR Property	26 †	...	0.9	4.1	∞
68	47	TR Tech Inv	63	...	1.7	3.5	31.2
176	145	TR Smlr Cos	170	+1	3.7	2.6	51.5
315	283	Temple Bar	301	+1	13.2	5.5	22.7
91	69	Thrdn Asian R	90	...	0.5	0.7	...
69	54	Throgmorton	68½	+½	2.3	4.2	38.0
423	363	Throg Dual Cp	423	...	...	...	...
197	178	USDC Invest	197	+1	4.5	2.9	30.2
102	76½	Value Inc Tst	99	+½	3.6	4.5	24.9
560	542	Whitbread Inv	558 †	+6	16.5	3.7	33.6
195	181	Witan	191½	+1½	5.6	3.7	33.5

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	323	-5	7.2	2.8	11.4
60	42	Ald Leis	59	+2	4.7	...	16.9
317	194	Anglia TV	317	+10	...	3.7	14.7
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	234	+9	10.0	5.3	15.1
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
125	90	Border TV▲	123	+4	...	2.7	16.1
16½	4½	Brent Walker	11½	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	6½	...	...	...	...
292	120	Campari	133	...	...	11.3	...
197	171	Capital Radio	178	-2	5.2	3.7	20.5
818	718	Carlton Comm	775	+2	17.0	2.8	22.6
200	158	Castle Comm▲	183	...	...	5.8	16.7
1920	1615	Central TV	1918	...	38.0	2.5	20.9
83	61	Chrysalis	68	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	505	+1	...	3.2	15.1
350	212	Eurocamp	213	+1	9.7	5.7	8.8
1180	710	Euro Disney	840	+25	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	27	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	280	...	10.3	4.7	...
378	320	First Leisure	353	+8	6.1	2.2	24.4
515	398	GWR Gp▲	510	...	...	1.7	38.0
195	149	Grampian	194	...	6.1	3.9	∞
6	5	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
56	19	HTV Group	55½	+¼	...	...	24.7
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	52 †	...	2.0	4.8	∞
12½	5½	Kunick	11	+½	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	373	...	...	1.6	17.3
475	327	Man Utd	425	...	18.0	5.3	14.6
148	90½	Owners Abrd	103	...	3.5	4.2	8.3
66	33	The Pelican Gp	59	+1	...	2.1	20.5
130	55	Pdan Leisure▲	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
34	16	Quadrant Grp	23	...	...	...	...
318	286	Radio Clyde	288 †	...	...	3.7	22.6
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	168	-1	...	3.3	32.3
502	431	Scot TV	483	+3	9.9	2.6	23.8
60	41	Southern Radio	42 †	...	0.7	2.4	17.5
219	168	Stanley Leisure	210	...	...	2.5	17.7
10	5½	Sunleigh ▲	10	+1½	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	135	...	3.5	3.2	15.8
420	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	0.6	...	∞
221	190	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	∞
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	88	-1	...	...	2.8
78	44	Trans World▲	66	-3	...	1.5	26.1
454	274	Ulster TV	454	+5	10.0	2.8	13.9
22	13½	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
33	7½	Whitegate	33	...	...	...	...
187	110	Yorkshire TV	186	...	12.0	8.1	5.6
112	83	Zetters Gp	112	...	8.0	8.9	11.3

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4300	1800	Am Gold	3787½	-159½	...	5.5	∞
1400	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1368½	-8½	...	6.8	∞
2050	1125	Ang Am	1850	-96¼	...	3.8	∞
19	8¼	Anglo Pac Res	18½	...	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	95	-7	...	6.5	5.2
41	18	Bracken	28	...	...	...	1.4
710	233	Buffels	557	-43	...	7.1	13.7
5½	1	Bute	2	-¼	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	581	+1	...	3.6	∞
43½	11	Cluff Res	31	-1	...	...	...
1181½	767½	De Beers	1093½	-25	...	4.4	14.7
138	37½	Deelkraal	117	-3	...	5.1	6.4
87	7	Doornfontein	62	-7	...	...	...
867	388	Driefontein	704	-51	...	4.7	12.9
618	120	Durban	540	-25	...	...	...
124	47	E Rand Gold	103	-6	...	11.5	2.8
162	62	E Dagga	124	-7	...	...	10.3
270	54	E Rand Prop	221	-19	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	364	-11	...	3.3	8.5
722	292	FS Cons	577	-28	...	8.9	6.8
48	8	FS Dev	27	-5	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1319	-63	...	3.1	20.7
168	125	Gencor	154	-7	...	6.4	12.0
63½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	52	-1	...	2.6	12.8
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	16½	-1	...	...	...
145	49	Grootvlei	103	-7	...	10.1	6.1
360	78	Harmony	288	-8	...	...	...
414	87	Hartebst	334	-17	...	6.0	∞
14	8½	Inoco▲	11½	...	...	...	...
1040	491	Impala Plat	942	-34	...	...	21.3
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	10	...	...	...	...
811	332	Kinross	721	-25	...	7.0	7.9
843	319	Kloof	717	-41	...	2.5	12.1
90	25	Leslie	74	-3	...	5.7	7.3
119	13	Loraine	92	-3	...	...	...
116½	87	MIM	88	+½	...	2.6	40.1
1069	820	Minorco	1050	...	...	3.6	12.4
124½	91	Nth Bkn Hill	115	...	...	4.3	∞
1850	610	Orange Free	1487½	-71½	...	8.9	11.3
709	607	RTZ	660 †	+4	...	3.9	24.8
550	425	Rand Mines	518½	-18½	...	11.4	2.4
517	150	Randfontein	454	-26	...	3.8	6.9
192	115	Renison	162	...	...	2.8	15.7
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1137½	-37½	...	4.0	17.8
585	191	St Helena	446	-34	...	5.4	9.1
1582	475	Southvaal	1417	-48	...	4.1	24.4
88	18	Stilfontein	79	-3	...	8.1	13.6
201	118	Unisel	174	-3	...	1.8	16.9
4475	1800	Vaal Reefs	3925	-200	...	5.6	8.7
300	154	Welkom	285	-20	...	8.8	11.3
205	26	Western Areas	170	-20	...	...	...
1775	587½	Western Deep	1500	-50	...	4.2	6.8
283	176	Wstrn Mining	246	-5	...	...	...
776	323	Winkels	704	-26	...	1.4	5.7
84	56	Zambia Copper	62	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	55	-3	...	...	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	118 †	...	3.0	3.2	∞
116	82	Applegard	114	...	5.3	5.7	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	220	...	...	4.1	13.8
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
428	165	Br Aerospace	400	-10	7.0	2.2	...
328	303	Caffyns	313	-5	11.5	4.7	∞
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
136	98	Central Mtrs	136	+1	...	3.7	34.6
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	24	...	...	...	...
238	156	Cowie (T)	238	+5	6.2	3.3	18.1
110	86	Dag Motors	105	...	5.7	6.8	19.0
142	102½	Dwnport Vern	130	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	230	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	102	...	...	1.8	...
310	208	Evans Halshaw	310	+7	11.2	4.5	47.8
280	226	FR Group	273	...	...	3.3	12.7
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3512¾	-75	...	...	...
2875	2143¼	General Mtr	2662½	-31¼	...	1.9	...
58	38	Gowrings	58	...	2.0	4.3	...
166	85	Henlys	166	+3	3.0	2.3	...
875	650	Honda Motor	854	+10	...	0.7	...
28	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	97	+1	4.5	6.2	...
150	97	Kwik-Fit	149	...	...	2.8	26.6
366	281	Lex Service	366	+10	...	3.6	20.0
139	85	Lookers	130	...	6.2	6.1	...
152	126	Lucas	137	...	7.0	6.4	...
224½	224½	Pendragon	239	...	...	3.2	20.9
185	106	Perry Gp	185	+2	6.0	4.1	...
158	108	Quicks Group	158	+1	...	3.6	20.2
162	99	Rolls-Royce	151	-1½	...	4.1	...
195	163	Trinity Hldgs	195	...	...	3.6	∞
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
188	121	Westland	186 †	+1	4.2	2.9	16.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	315	Black (A&C)	325	+2	13.5	5.2	∞
608	473	Blenheim Gp	473	-1	...	2.4	17.6
370	275	Bristol	345 †	...	11.7	4.3	∞
9725	7775	Daily Mail	9725	...	13.0	1.7	21.8
9725	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9725	...	13.0	1.7	21.8
305	251	Dorling Kind	286	...	...	1.3	22.3
373	328	EMAP	309	+2	...	2.7	22.0
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1113	...	28.5	3.3	25.1
237	170	Harrington K	225 †	+6	4.5	2.5	18.4
360	232	Haynes Pub	360	+2	6.0	2.1	15.5
405	226	Headline	400	...	5.0	1.6	∞
140	105	Home Counts	121	...	6.0	6.1	...
9¼	3	Intl Bus Comm	8½	+½	...	...	12.3
9¼	6½	Int Cm & Data	8½	...	...	...	...
320	240	Independent	320	...	...	4.0	14.4
540	395	Johnston Press	530	...	6.2	1.4	23.3
288	243	Metal Bulletin	281	...	8.0	3.6	19.8
155	86	Mirror Gp	151	...	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	328	-2	...	0.3	22.1
240	169	News Intl	211	-1	...	0.6	14.8
472	354	Pearson	467	+1	...	3.2	28.5
668	510	Portsmth Sund	668	...	8.6	1.6	17.2
686	618	Reed Int	654	+9	...	3.2	28.5
148	98	Southnews	146	...	...	1.8	∞
137	90	Sterling Pub▲	137	...	...	...	...
401	328	Telegraph	398	-1	...	2.3	45.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	765	...	25.4	3.5	16.6
377	313	Trinity Intl	375	...	8.7	4.2	∞
39	31	Unit Group▲	36	...	...	2.0	22.5
610	494	Utd Nwspapers	580	+2	...	4.7	16.4

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18¼	6½	Aberdeen Petn	17½	...	...	...	...
35½	17	Aran Energy	32½	+½	...	...	...
61	40	Arcon Intl	44	...	...	...	31.9
62	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	61	...	...	...	...
69	26	Aviva Pet	66	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	15	...	...	...	...
185	145	Br Borneo	150	+4	7.1	5.9	4.5
330	276	British Gas	297	+4½	14.2	6.0	14.4
336	275	Br Petroleum	310	-4	10.5	4.2	48.8
1¼	1	Bula Resources	1¼	...	...	...	...
757	625	Burmah Castrl	687	...	...	4.6	16.0
65	32	Cairn Energy	59	...	...	...	8.4
268	223	Calor Gp	244	...	...	6.1	20.3
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	55½	...	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	33	...	...	...	...
29½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	20	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	474	-2	16.0	4.2	58.5
81	54	Exp Co Louis	73	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Ind	26	...	...	2.1	0.0
67	45	Goal Pet	61	...	1.4	2.7	12.2
44	18	Gt Western Res	44	...	...	...	...
168	108	Hardy O & G	159	...	1.0	0.8	49.9
46	18½	Kelt Energy	42	-2	...	...	...
198	141	LASMO	160	-½	3.3	2.6	30.4
101	61	-do- Units	74	...	4.0	29.0	...
20	14½	Mid Sun Res	18½	...	...	...	...
47	36	Monument	40½	...	...	...	79.3
9½	6	New London	8½	...	...	...	...
31	21	Nth Sea Assets	42	...	1.0	1.0	11.0
15	7	Oil Search	13	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Petrol	12½	...	...	...	...
110	90	Pict Pet	107	...	...	...	14.0
29½	18	Premier	28	...	...	...	60.1
115	67	Pendlng	115	...	...	3.8	...
301	250	Ranger	296	+2	...	4.3	...
8212½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	8175	+37½	...	5.2	14.9
4925	3697	Schlumberger	4362½	-106¼	...	1.8	...
67	42	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
640	515	Shell	625	+5	21.0	4.4	19.7
301	182	Santos Eng Sv	182	...	...	...	...
10½	6½	Teredine	8	...	...	...	3.9
41	23	Texas Europe	35	...	...	...	4.7
12	6½	Viking Gp	11	...	...	...	...
172	141½	Woodside	151	...	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	248	API	317	...	7.5	2.8	28.7
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	182	...	...	4.5	17.0
485	400	Abbott Mead	503	...	9.3	2.3	30.1
1½	¾	Acsis Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
34	13	Aegis Gp	16	+1	1.3	8.1	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	199	-2	...	3.2	17.5
15	7	BBB Design▲	11	...	...	...	...
349	234½	Bemrose	348	...	...	4.3	34.3
31	14	Birkdale	14	...	0.2	1.8	11.9
138	119	Bunzl	127	+1	4.8	3.9	14.3
287	257	CIA Gp	289	+5	...	2.0	17.0
209	93	Capital Inds	208	...	...	1.9	19.8
56	44	City of Lond	56	...	...	8.2	∞
234	160	Creeper Umbrl	234	...	3.1	1.7	∞
6	6	Crown Gilltie	6 #	...	...	...	...
80	51	Delyn Pckaging	80	...	1.6	2.6	∞
117	94	Dolphin Pack	110	...	4.5	5.1	23.1
96	42	Dudley Jenkins	55	...	...	...	14.3
15½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.3	2.4	∞
73	41	Fairway Groupe	72	-1	...	5.4	21.9
321	271	Ferguson Intl	310	...	12.5	5.0	∞
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	8.7	28.3
109	74	Filofax▲	102	+2	...	0.5	22.2
30	14	Finch	30	...	...	...	...
100	60	Gibbon Lyons▲	87	-1	...	7.2	17.1
295	245	Gold Greenlees	280	...	...	3.7	28.7
41	20	Goodhead	38	...	0.5	2.4	...
88	43	Huntsprint	85	...	...	...	...
185	136	Integrapre	180	...	7.4	5.2	11.8
264	101	Jarvis Porter	251	...	4.7	2.6	∞
32	15½	Lopex	12	...	...	...	∞
283	175	More O'Ferrall	281	...	13.2	5.9	∞
90	48	NMC Group	89	...	1.2	...	17.0
118	80	Osborne & Little	118	+5	4.6	5.0	∞
517	455	Portals	490	...	...	3.9	15.7
286	167	Quarto	285	...	5.3	2.3	15.5
347	311	St Ives Gp	311	-3	5.2	2.1	21.2
185½	142½	Saatchi	169	-1	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	447	...	...	0.3	∞
19½	11½	Serif	19½	+1	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	28	+½	...	...	...
354	294	Smith David	348	...	9.5	3.4	15.4
295	237	Smurfit (Jeff)	240	-4	...	3.3	14.9
246	183	Sta-Plus	245	...	8.0	4.1	∞
29½	18½	Taylor Nelson	29½	...	0.3	1.5	31.2
56	38	VTR▲	56	...	...	7.6	16.6
88	40	WPP	85	+1	...	1.4	...
130	62	Wace	130	+4	...	2.2	...
221	203	Waddington (J)	211	...	7.9	4.7	15.9
705	540	Watmough	705	+6	11.5	2.0	27.7
8½	4½	Westport▲	6½	...	...	...	21.3
29	12	Whitney Mick▲	25	-1	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	72 †	...	1.3	2.2	∞

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	75	...	3.5	5.9	64.7
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
94	54	Asda	89	...	2.1	2.9	9.4
139	88	Avonside	114	...	4.0	3.7	18.7
2837½	2062½	BCE▲	2300	...	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	598	+1	18.0	4.0	31.6
52	23	Bourne End	52	...	1.0	2.4	...
213	190	Bradford	197	...	4.4	2.8	17.9
23	12	Bredero	13	...	...	...	1.2
395	166½	Br Land	311	-6	...	2.8	28.7
206	149½	Brixton	201 †	...	...	4.3	15.0
78	45	Burford	76	...	...	1.9	...
156	99	Cap & Regnls	153	-2	...	0.9	∞
175	130	Cardiff Prop	175	...	2.4	1.7	...
375	196	Chesterfield	375	...	11.0	3.7	26.8
32	12	City Site Ests	27	...	1.4	...	...
22	12	Clarke Nicholls	20	...	0.3	...	4.9
27½	10	Clayform	27	+10	...	...	...
90	34	Conrad Ritblt Gs	46	...	...	1.4	...
1125	818	Daejan	1121	-5	25.0	2.8	17.5
3¼	1¼	Dares Estates	2½	-¼	...	...	...
93	51	Debenham Twsn	92	...	2.5	3.4	33.4
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Densona	140	...	3.0	2.7	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	493	-5	8.6	2.2	61.4
252	170	Estates Agency	252	...	3.0	...	23.1
22	7½	Estates Gen	16	...	...	...	...
86	72	Evnbook	80	...	2.7	4.4	8.5
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	171	...	4.1	3.0	16.4
22½	11	Five Oaks	27	...	...	...	...
55	30	Fletcher King	51	...	1.0	2.5	35.9
436	285	Frogmore	427	-4	15.0	4.4	26.1
160	99	Grainger	158	...	5.3	4.2	35.3
205	120	Gr Portland	181	-2	...	7.2	10.2
26½	7½	Greycoat	22½	...	5.2	...	...
165	101	HK Land	144	...	...	4.5	∞
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	70	...	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	370	-3	10.0	3.4	35.8
382	245	-do- 'A'	338	-5	10.0	3.9	32.5
221	137	Helical Bar	218	-1	...	3.4	...
30	10	Hemingway	29	+1	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	80	...	3.7	5.9	∞
151	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
599	437½	Land Sec	580	-2	21.8	4.8	17.5
130	73	Lon Merch Sec	96	-1½	3.8	4.9	15.3
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
454	324	MEPC	422 †	-3	20.0	5.9	17.7
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	130	...	6.7	...	21.3
7½	1	Markheath	6½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Marcale Mre	47	...	7.0	...	...
5	3	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
935	775	Mountview	905	...	18.0	2.5	9.1
148	112	Muckow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olives Hldgs	41	...	1.5	4.6	...
10½	4	Osprey Est	4½	-¼	0.1	...	1.3
131	88	PSIT	129	...	3.7	3.6	25.7
211	138	Peel	209	...	3.0	1.8	...
16	8	Power Corp	11	+1	...	...	1.2
41	22	Property Trust	31	-1	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
39	11	Regalian	34	-½	1.5	7.8	4.7
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	∞
37	16	St Modwen Prp	34	-1	0.6	2.2	25.9
69	39	Savills	65	...	...	...	...
77	34	Scot Met	77	-1	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	95	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	10½	...	...	...	...
226	139½	Slough Estates	206	+1	...	4.9	14.4
82	56	Southend Prop	70	...	4.1	7.5	35.3
30	16	Stanhope Prps	25	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	175	-1	2.0	1.4	66.6
116	79	Town Centre	111	-2	3.1	3.5	20.7
72	43	Trafford Park	65	...	2.5	5.0	17.5
38	8	UK Land	26	...	...	...	...
9	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
243	190	Warner	223	-1	10.5	5.9	20.4
202	168	Warnford	201	...	7.5	4.8	∞
8	3¼	Widegrade	3½	...	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	61	-½	...	0.7	1.6
76	40	Wood John D▲	75	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagica▲	16	...	...	3.1	33.7
153	86	Headlam	153	...	...	...	...
500	330	Lambert	383	...	11.0	4.2	9.4
100	78	Pittards	78	...	2.0	3.2	22.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
157	89	Stylo	150	...	...	2.5	38.5
55	51	UK Safety	54	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	462	+3	12.6	3.4	14.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	59	...	4.7	...	11.7
33	21	Bolton Gp	31	-½	...	...	15.8
165	141	Br Mohair	158	...	8.5	6.7	∞
20	15	Chamwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	331	...	7.2	2.7	20.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	559	-6	13.6	3.0	15.3
53½	34½	Cupid▲	30	+1	...	...	...
248½	209	Dawson	212	+1	9.0	5.3	20.7
30	22	Drummond	22	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	30	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel▲	70	...	...	8.7	6.0
34	15	Foster (John)	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
133	82	Gaskell	118	+1	4.2	4.5	∞
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	183	-1	4.0	2.8	∞
59	45	Jerome (S)	57	-1	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	354 †	...	12.0	4.2	23.4
506	357½	Leeds	473	+1	...	1.9	22.8
42	15	Lister	36	-1	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	81	...	4.9	7.6	9.2
180	89	Magellan	157	+1	1.4	1.1	...
132	69	Parkland 'A'	132	+2	2.0	1.8	...
102½	82	Readicut	93¾	-½	3.4	4.6	...
42	35	SEET	42	+2	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	87	+1	5.1	7.4	15.3
67	44	Stirling Gp	67	+6	1.6	3.1	24.5
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
312	250	Tomkinsons	285	-2	11.5	4.8	25.5
62½	32½	West Trust	39	...	...	8.0	...
417	252	Yorklyde	397	...	10.4	3.3	13.0

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	436	+6½	...	5.3	16.4
660	584½	Rothmans 'B'	628	+4	18.2	3.0	14.4

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
434	349	Assoc Br Ports	428	+1	...	3.5	...
813	730	BAA	734	...	...	2.8	19.0
312	249	Br Airways	294 †	+2	...	4.5	16.1
106	56	Clarkson (H)	101 †	-4	1.5	1.9	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	422	-6	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	...	...	...
160	126	Graig	155	...	1.8	2.6	13.2
188	147	JoM Steam	186	+1	4.5	4.4	...
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frt	84	...	...	1.3	16.2
2250	1362½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	343	+2	7.5	2.7	22.8
210	181	Natl Express	200	...	...	4.4	16.3
284	238	NFC	259	+2	6.5	3.2	19.7
302	244	Ocean Group	281	+1	...	6.4	23.4
65	40	Ocean Wilson	60 †	...	4.0	8.3	10.9
648	504	P & O Dfd	637	+2	...	8.0	34.6
152	127	P & O 5½%	150	+1	...	4.4	...
555	446	Powell Duffryn	545	...	21.6	5.3	∞
140	117	Seacon	135	...	...	4.7	8.5
136	112	Stagecoach	137	...	...	3.5	17.6
42	26	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50½	31½	TNT	49½	...	...	...	...
265	234	Tibbet & Britn	240	...	11.6	3.0	28.4
382	173	Tiphook	223	...	17.3	8.7	6.4
298	234	TDG	234	...	9.5	5.1	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	480	+2	...	5.9	9.1
652	547	Northumbrian	553	+2	...	5.3	5.7
553	431½	North West	453 †	+16	...	5.9	8.1
533	439	Severn Trent	470	+2	18.3	5.0	7.8
554	454	Sthrn Water	503	+4	19.5	4.8	8.9
1350	1225	Sth Staffs	1280 †	...	47.0	4.6	∞
589	465	South West	486 †	+1	...	8.1	8.0
563	487½	Thames Water	468 †	+3	...	5.8	8.4
612	509	Welsh Water	590	+7	21.4	4.8	6.4
649	536	Wessex Water	598	+2	...	4.4	7.5
593	474	Yorkshire W	474 †	-2	...	5.6	8.1

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103⅝	100¼	Treas 12½% 1993	100¼ †	...	12.42	5.68
100½	99⅝	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.69
105¼	101½	Treas 13¾% 1993	103⅜	-⅛	13.29	5.59
102⅝	101⅝	Treas 8½% 1994	101⅝	...	8.35	5.65
109¼	106¼	Treas 14½% 1994	106¼	-⅛	13.66	5.58
109⅛	106½	Exch 13½% 1994	106½	-⅛	12.66	5.61
105⅝	104⅛	Treas 10% 1994	104¼	...	9.60	5.69
110⅛	107⅝	Exch 12½% 1994	107⅝	...	11.60	5.73
103⅝	103⅝	Treas 9% 1994	104¼	...	8.64	5.86
111⅝	108¼	Treas 12% 1995	109⅛	...	11.00	6.00
96½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95¼	+⅛	3.13	5.47
109¼	107⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅝	...	9.51	6.20
116¼	113¼	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅛	...	11.18	6.35
120⅛	117⅛	Treas 14% 1996	117¼	...	11.93	6.63
125¼	121⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	121¼	...	12.51	6.74
120⅛	116¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	116¼	...	11.34	6.70
111¼	108¼	Conv 10% 1996	109¼	...	9.13	6.81
122⅝	118⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅜	...	11.10	7.05
113¼	110⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	111⅛	+⅛	9.45	7.00
108⅛	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	106⅛	...	8.25	7.02
132⅛	127⅝	Exch 15% 1997	128⅛	+⅛	11.70	7.30
112½	109⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	109⅛	+⅛	8.89	7.21
103⅛	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅛	+⅛	7.20	7.04
101	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅛	+⅛	6.83	7.02
129⅛	125⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	125⅝	+⅛	11.12	7.58

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138⅝	133⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	134⅞	+⅛	11.53	7.46
122¼	119⅛	Exch 12% 1998	119⅜	...	10.07	7.60
112⅛	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	109⅛ †	...	8.71	7.45
124⅝	120⅜	Exch 12¼% 1999	120⅝	...	10.14	7.70
117⅝	112⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	113⅞	...	9.23	7.54
117⅞	112⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	113¼	...	9.06	7.61
110⅛	106	Conv 9% 2000	107⅛	...	8.39	7.58
131	125⅛	Treas 13% 2000	126⅞	+⅛	10.25	7.96
115⅝	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	111⅛	+⅛	8.94	7.89
114⅝	108⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	111⅛	+⅛	8.77	7.99
105⅝	97⅛	Treas 8% 2003	100⅛	+⅛	7.96	7.90
116⅜	109⅛	Treas 10% 2003	113	+⅛	8.85	8.08
122⅜	116⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118⅝	+⅛	9.68	8.16
74⅝	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72⅛	+⅛	4.86	7.18
112⅜	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	109⅛	+⅛	8.67	8.18
112⅝	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	109⅛	+⅛	8.67	8.20
131¼	124⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127⅞	+⅛	9.77	8.41
101¼	94⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	98⅛	+⅛	8.10	8.19
125⅛	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	+⅛	9.63	8.36
104¼	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	101¼ †	+⅛	8.34	8.36
139⅛	131⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135⅞	+⅛	9.97	8.42

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
108⅞	101½	Treas 9% 2008	105⅞	+⅛	8.50	8.30
99⅛	92⅛	Treas 8% 2009	97⅛	+⅛	8.24	8.34
109⅛	100⅝	Conv 9% 2011	105⅛ xd	+⅛	8.54	8.40
108⅛	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	105⅛	+⅛	8.56	8.42
78⅛	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅛	+⅛	7.39	8.14
97⅛	89⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93⅛	+⅛	8.31	8.42
97⅛	93⅛	Treas 8% 2013	95⅛	+⅛	8.36	8.43
135⅛	129⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	131⅛	+⅛	9.10	8.45
105⅛	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	103⅛	+⅛	8.52	8.47

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
42⅛	35⅛	War Ln 3½%	41⅛	+⅛	8.52	...
30¼	27⅛	Treas 2½%	29⅛	+⅛	8.51	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134½	131⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	134¼	...	...	1.24
197⅛	194⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	196⅛	+⅛	2.07	2.85
109⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅛	...	2.43	3.00
160⅛	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅛	+⅛	2.94	3.27
163⅛	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162⅛	+⅛	3.04	3.31
111⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110⅛	+⅛	3.14	3.41
170⅛	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	168⅛ †	+⅛	3.15	3.36
154⅛	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152⅛	+⅛	3.31	3.50
159⅛	148⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158⅛	+⅛	3.37	3.53
131½	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅛	+⅛	3.43	3.55
139⅛	130⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	+⅛	3.49	3.64
133⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅛	+⅛	3.54	3.67
111⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110 †	+⅛	3.55	3.67
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Ringing the changes for answer services

BY RODNEY HOBSON

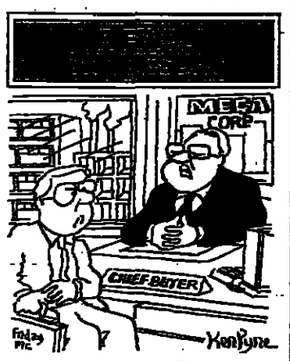
SWEEPING changes to the phone system mean that small businesses can have a receptionist-cum-secretary at their command. Traditional answering services face new competition from rivals making fuller use of the digital telephone lines that are now available to more than 90 per cent of subscribers.

In the past, callers have been aware they are talking to an answering service. Answerlink, based in Southwark, London, has telephonists that do not let the caller know that he or she has failed to get through to the number dialled. The switchboard operators become effectively the personal secretaries of Answerlink's subscribers.

The system is common in America, where eight million subscribers are linked to 4,500 answering services. Malcolm Harris, who founded Answerlink after visiting operations in America, estimates that the potential UK market at one million subscribers, enough to keep up to 1,000 companies like Answerlink in profit.

He started the service in March and has more than 200 clients. He charges £25 a month for his basic service. Clients pay 50p a call, with the first 50 calls each month free. When a call is diverted to Answerlink, a short code number flashes up. The operator puts the number into a computer that tells her the precise form of words that the client wishes her to use in answering the call. All messages taken are typed into the computer and are tape-recorded. Clients call in at their convenience to listen to the recordings of messages left for them. If there is any doubt over a message, they can ask to speak to the operator who took the original call.

Another difference from conventional answering services is that Answerlink gives out information, such as the rental rates of a car hire firm. Mr Harris said: "To have an operator say 'good morning, Bloggs Plumbers, how can I help you?' is so much more professional than leaving an answering machine on or having your wife answer with a baby screaming and a dog barking in the background."



"Are you going to talk up to me or shall I talk down to you?"

Name of the game is success

BY SALLY WATTS

JOHN Slade is a weekend entrepreneur. While working full time for Barclays Bank, he has built up his board games design business. Until now, the games have been targeted at people who, like himself, are blind, but recently he has started to extend his market.

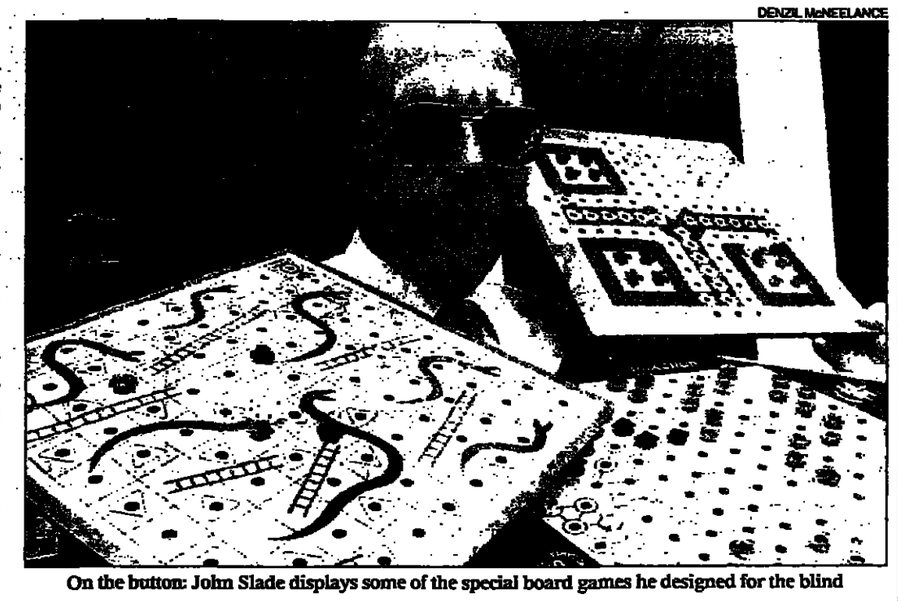
Indirectly, the recession has proved an incentive. With cuts being made in bank jobs, he volunteered last year to work only four days a week, putting his extra free time into his company, Slade Colour Board Games.

He said: "I took advantage of my shorter week as a bank telephonist to look at the business's image. Games for blind and sighted people have always had separate markets, but I'm interested in games they can play together."

Mr Slade was born with just a little sight in one eye, and is registered blind. His wife, Deirdre, looks after the products and materials, keeps the books and does the paperwork.

Mr Slade has long been a spare-time designer and inventor, making his children's toys. His first commercial step was to design buttons that could be identified by shape. A square stood for black, a circle for white, a daisy for yellow and so on, through 16 varieties. The buttons, made by a company specialising in plastic moulding, are featured in the Engineering Council's new brochure, *A Vision of Technological Research*. Early in the 1980s, he set up his business, designing and producing board games, at his home in Ilford, Essex. He began with small grants from St Dunstan's and the Royal National Institute for the Blind; his annual turnover, which has increased each year, is currently £36,000.

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On the button: John Slade displays some of the special board games he designed for the blind

As well as games which he has devised himself, there are old favourites such as Ludo and Snakes and Ladders; these are tactile and based largely on graphics, with aids such as triangles to point the player in the right direction. All Mr Slade's games have tactile/visual dice.

Now he has set up JS Traditional Board Games, a subsidiary company manufacturing quality games for the general public, and backed by a £7,000 overdraft facility. A version of Chinese checkers is just going on sale at the RNIB. Mr Slade also hopes to market it at leading stores. For some years, he and his wife manufactured the games at home, but since 1990 they have contracted the work to a toy manufacturer in Suffolk. Recently, Mr Slade started sending his games to America and selling the buttons in Germany.

Mr Slade now hopes to produce a chess set for blind and sighted people and to visit Strasbourg this month with fellow members of View (Venture Into European Workplace) to help boost exports.

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An equity fund of 5 million ecus (£3.9 million) is to be set up to encourage partnerships between small and medium-sized enterprises in EC states and those in developing countries. Money from the fund, established by the European Commission with the International Financial Corporation, is expected to go mainly to companies in the poorer countries of Latin America, Asia and the Mediterranean region, but it could still present an opportunity for British businesses. This is because businesses in EC states will qualify if they are creating direct links with those in developing countries.

☐ The DTI's Enterprise Roadshow is on the move again – until mid-October. The vehicle consists of an exhibition with displays by local TECs, two seminar/counselling rooms and an office. Information and timetable: 071-215 5000.

☐ South Thames Training and Enterprise Council is holding a festival, with events at various sites on July 20 to 22 to highlight business opportunities in Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham and Greenwich. Information: Kirsten Hughes, 071-538 1322.

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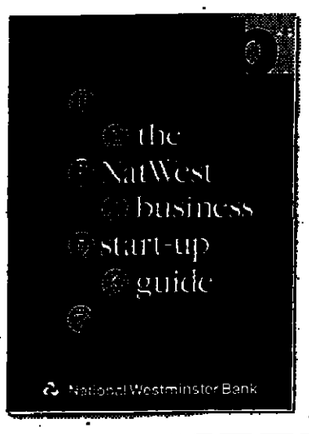
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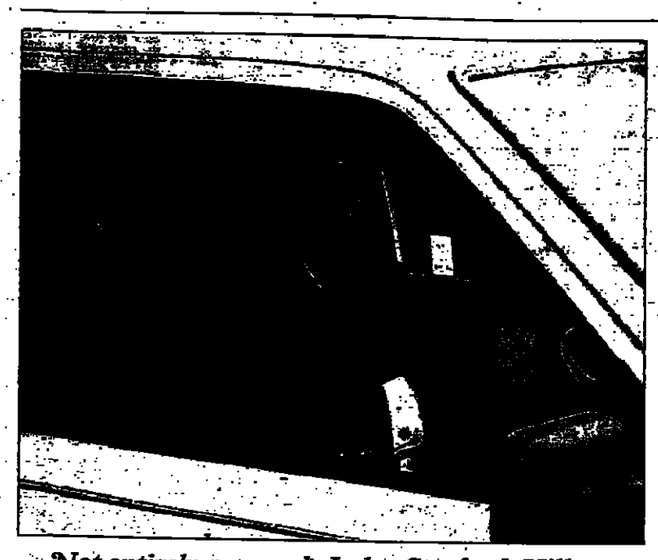
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'Not entirely an angel': Judge Starforth Hill on an eight-year-old victim of a sexual attack



Ordered a 15-year-old rapist to pay for a holiday for his young victim, and set him free: Judge Prosser

Hold your tongue, m'lud

Frances Gibb says that training for judges may be the solution to insensitive remarks

Judge Starforth Hill's comment last week that an eight-year-old victim of a sexual attack was "not entirely an angel" is refuelling the debate on judges' training. His remark prompted a predictable furore; but regrettably it was not that unusual.

There are numerous instances in which judges — often as they simultaneously hand out what the public considers a ridiculously light sentence — deliver off-the-cuff comments that annoy others even more. Judge Bertrand Richards in 1982 said that a teenage hitch-hiker, raped after thumbing a lift late at night, was "guilty of a great deal" of contributory negligence. The judge, who never again presided over sex cases, had let off the rapist, a businessman, with a fine of £2,000. Mr Justice Leonard, the judge in the Ealing vicarage rape case, prompted an outcry when he commented that the victim's trauma was "not so great".

In the wake of this latest rumpus, calls are being made for a radical reform of the way judges are prepared for the bench so that they handle such cases more sensitively; and in particular, the idea is being floated of a judicial training college, so would-be judges can be put through a fuller and more structured training course than the four-day core session they receive now.

Lord Williams of Mostyn, until recently chairman of the Bar and now an opposition legal affairs spokesman in the Lords, says training for judges is "inappropriately scanty".

Judges' training — judges prefer to say "seminars" — is run by the Judicial Studies Board. Under Lord Justice Farquharson, the board has been highly successful in developing training and persuading judges of the need for it; but its resources are limited.

Would-be judges in the criminal courts start judging part-time as assistant recorders, then as recorders and finally may be appointed to the circuit bench. The training for new assistant recorders consists mainly of a 4½-day course, in which two sessions are specifically devoted to "sex" cases, as well as a classroom exercise on sentencing.



Told the woman in the Ealing vicarage rape case that her ordeal was 'not so great': Mr Justice Leonard



'Guilty of a great deal' of contributory negligence: Judge Richards to a teenage hitch-hiker raped late at night



Refused to jail a former policeman for indecent assault of his step-daughter: Judge Sir Harold Cassel

There is a two-week "pupillage", sitting alongside an experienced judge. Once on the bench, judges also attend seminars, lectures and other "training" events, including occasional weekend refresher courses. But this Judicial Studies Board programme is increasingly being seen as barely enough. "The board does good work but it is grossly under-resourced," Lord Williams says. "It can't provide proper training and monitoring of what training is needed if it doesn't get the cash. Nor is there any effective on-the-job training. If judges have been on the bench for 15 or possibly 20 years, by definition they are out of touch. Anyone can benefit from some re-training."

In the civil courts, and since the Children Act 1989 came into force, there is a corps of more than 50 circuit judges who have been specifically designated as "family judges" and who have received training for childcare cases. But on the criminal side, the new judge may deal with a murder one day, a rape case the next, armed robbery the next.

Another QC, Helena Kennedy, says the training is "woefully inadequate". A few days' instruction, with occasional refreshers, "cannot be sufficient grounding for the novice judge".

> How do they get away with such comments?

The question of insensitivity on the bench raises, she says, the shortage of women judges. The strength of public outcry in the recent case of Judge Prosser, who let a 15-year-old rapist go free after ordering him to pay for a holiday for his 15-year-old schoolgirl victim, prompted calls from MPs to ban male judges from sitting on such cases. Later, the appeal court defended the judge, saying he had been "clearly troubled" by the case and did not deserve the "vilification" he had suffered. Banning male judges has little support, but the lack of female influence in judicial decision-making is evident. One way forward, Ms Kennedy believes, is to create a judicial appointments commission to help boost the numbers of women on the bench.

Another proposal has come from David Pannick QC. He argues the need for "informed debate" on whether the Judicial Studies Board's work should be expanded into a judicial training college where recruits would spend more than four days "learning the skills required for the profession".

There is also the matter of discipline. How do judges make their remarks and get away with it? The answer is enshrined in the catch-all phrase, "judicial independence." Because of the accepted need to ensure that judges are not looking over their shoulders when they make their decisions, they are not easily removed from office.

A High Court judge can be removed only by an order of both houses of Parliament. A circuit judge can be sacked by the Lord Chancellor for "incapacity" or "misbehaviour"; but these terms are not defined. Only one judge has been sacked in recent memory: Judge Campbell. In 1983, he admitted a smuggling offence. Others have been reprimanded. In 1988, Judge Sir Harold Cassel refused to jail a former policeman for the indecent assault of his 12-year old step-daughter.

He said the man was driven to it because his wife's pregnancy had dimmed her sexual appetite, causing "considerable problems for a healthy young husband".

He was publicly rebuked by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and he retired early on medical grounds soon after. A reprimand does not mean removal. Also, there are questions about whether tougher action — such as restricting certain judges from sitting on specific cases — should be taken when tactless remarks are made. Apart from the pain to victims and relatives, the comments do the judges no good. "What they do is to put right back the good work being done by Lord Taylor (Lord Chief Justice) in promoting openness and a more user-friendly judiciary," Lord Williams said.

"They are very damaging to the judges' image."

When youngsters take over a court

THE public image of the magistrate is not a happy one. Even if we are no longer viewed as part of the blimpish colonel or twinset-and-pearls brigade, we are still envisaged as a race apart. We may regard ourselves as ordinary members of the public but, after all, sitting in judgment upon others is an extraordinary position to hold.

Previously, efforts have been made to open up the magistracy and make the courts more understandable, but without a great deal of success. What is helping now is the Schools' Project. So obvious an idea it is amazing it has not been tried before. The project aims to show pupils who magistrates are, how they are appointed and explain the criminal justice system.

It began with a pilot scheme in Reading in 1991 and was the brainchild of Rosemary Thomson, deputy chairman of the Magistrates' Association and Richard Grobler, deputy secretary of commissions in the Lord Chancellor's department. Seeking advice from a magistrate, who also happened to be a schools inspector in charge of community education, they found that such a project would fit into the personal and social education part of the national curriculum.



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Mrs Thomson and other volunteers talked to branches and committees, persuading their members to find magistrates willing to take a risk and go to schools. "The magistrates go into schools in pairs," Mrs Thomson says. "They talk to the 14 to 16-year-olds about who and what they are; get them to sit in threes, like a bench of magistrates, to listen to a case; make findings and judgments and then do a sentencing exercise. Later they are taken to see a real court in action. A colleague who has completed his visits found the teenagers' degree of interest surprising.

"The findings of the benches are often utterly different. In one case nine benches found the defendant guilty, six did not."

Having just attended a magistrates' training day myself, the scenario sounds familiar. However, the young are far more punitive in their "lock 'em up and throw away the key" mentality.

Reports on the success, or otherwise, of the project are expected to be available during the summer — it has taken time to become accepted into the schools. Yet now the schools are approaching the Magistrates' Association directly thanks to a little-known, but remarkable organisation, called the Citizenship Foundation, which has built up relations with more than 2,500 schools. In the 1960s, long before the term "citizen" became a hackneyed buzz word, a young solicitor, Andrew Phillips, became increasingly concerned about ordinary people's lack of knowledge of the law. In 1968 he persuaded the headmaster of a secondary school to let him give a weekly talk. "My year there was very encouraging and rewarding," he says. "There was an intrinsic interest in moral and legal issues. Working through the students' views I found that ordinary people felt patronised by the law. They were not given a chance to understand and feel part of a system.

"All the work reinforced the fact that some of the youngsters, who thought most deeply about these issues, were the recalcitrant pupils who hadn't bothered much about academic work. For the first time, the so-called dullards were outshining the elite."

When asked what it is that attracts pupils to the subject of the law, Mr Phillips cannot resist the comment that "it reaches the parts that other subjects cannot reach". In 1975, the Law Society commissioned him to write a resource book for schools called *The Living Law*. "More ambitious plans were hatched and we got the Law in Education project going in 1984. The Law Society put up about £300,000 for this and kept it running beyond the designated three-year period up to 1989," he said.

Since the Law Society felt unable to give a further extension to the project, Mr Phillips set up the Citizenship Foundation to continue the work. One of its most successful initiatives has been the National Mock Trial Competition for schools. I attended this year's final in March at Southwark Crown Court in London. The professionalism of the pupils taking part was astounding. A boy on the winning team turned out to be only 16.

Almost 2,000 pupils from 128 schools were competing in this Bar Council-sponsored exercise where the pupils play every part, from advocates and witnesses to court staff and jurors.

Lord Justice Farquharson, who presided over the final, described it as remarkable and an immensely valuable way of introducing the law and all its complications to young adults.

More people are beginning to know the law, however, thanks to a huge effort on the part of individuals and a more open-minded attitude at the top of the legal tree. If this demystifying of the law continues, we might one day find that the court is recognised as a place for the people rather than for its practitioners.

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But he laments the pace of change. "Most lawyers still write like badly educated dinosaurs," he says. A recent survey showed that most lawyers believe they do write clearly. Even more astonishing was the finding that they thought if they did express themselves plainly, they would be misunderstood.



Floored jewel

CHICHESTER Rents, the courtrooms in Chancery Lane designed to take on the Blue Arrow and Barlow Clowes trials and one of the jewels in the crown of 20th-century courtrooms, may be structurally unsound, according to the Bar magazine, *Counsel*.

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Housing appeal

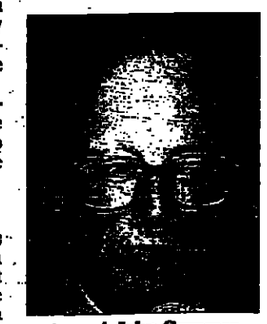
A GROUP of Labour MPs is trying to persuade John Gummer, the environment secretary, to challenge the Court of Appeal's decision in a case brought by the London borough of Tower Hamlets, east London, in April.

The court ruled that housing officers can check immigration papers and make decisions about their validity without consulting immigration authorities.

The MPs assert that this is beyond housing officers' competence and may well lead to unjust refusals of housing and race discrimination. The court's decision overruled previous guidance issued by the environment department.

Big issue

FIRST there was sexism, then ageism, and now there is fatism. Discriminating against fat people could be outlawed in New York state if a bill put forward by David Feldman, a Brooklyn Assembly member, makes headway. It aims to eliminate discrimination against fat, short and tall people in employment, housing and education.



Appeal: John Gummer

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MARY ARDEN QC, whose promotion to Mrs Justice Arden makes her the Chancery division's only woman High Court judge, has cleared up confusion about whether accounting standards are legally enforceable.

In an opinion for the Accounting Standards Board, the judge, a leading company-law expert, says that the courts are likely to treat accountant standards as legally binding and that compliance with them is likely to be found necessary if the "true and fair" requirement in company accounts is to be met.

Helping hands

THE City Solicitors' Educational Trust, through which City law firms give money for teaching of law in universities, wants to see more smaller firms involved. This year it is making grants to 20 universities to support projects worth about £364,000. But Richard Youard, the trust administrator, is disappointed that smaller firms "have not felt able" to become subscribers.

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A plea against bargaining



Time for a deal: a defendant and lawyer in a scene from the television programme, *New York Law*

Those wanting to see the introduction of plea bargaining in England should watch the documentary, *New York Law*, tomorrow night. It will offer insights that could give reason to pause.

In New York City's system of plea bargaining, judges play a dominant role in resolving and settling criminal cases.

In the early stages of a case, for example, how many defendants would continue to insist on a trial, in the face of the judge offering, in return, to oppose bail, suggesting pre-trial detention at dreaded Riker's Island?

Does the defendant have the nerve to assert his or her innocence in a system in which defendants are mostly black and hispanic people and in which the sentence has become the only negotiable commodity? And can a defendant resist the disparity in the sentence (multiples of two and often three-fold) imposed on those convicted after trial?

> Nobody denies that this system can convict the innocent

New York Law gives some answers by showing that plea bargaining has become a war of attrition in which a defendant's capitulation has replaced jury trials, and in which judicial subjectivity and the personalising of the case takes precedence over objectivity.

What counts in this system is what the judge thinks of a defendant. His or her opinion is formed from a two-minute court encounter and a glance at the prosecutor's two-line case summary and the defendant's criminal record.

Perhaps most troubling is the show's revelation that open-court plea bargaining enables the judge's personality to emerge from behind the mask of impartiality, pitting one individual, clothed in the robes of the state, against another, standing at the bar of justice.

This confrontation between the powerful and powerless may not be nakedly coercive in every instance but, depending on the nature and personality of the judge, permits displays of anger and displeasure aimed at shaking the will of those who resist.

America's inner cities have long been hit by social unrest, the causes of which are usually ascribed to an underclass defined by race and socio-economic status. Lawyers and judges expect black and hispanic defendants to dominate New York's criminal justice system because people of colour are viewed stereotypically as troublemakers. *New York Law* shows that resistance by these races is seen as an affront to a judicial system intent on upholding middle-class mores.

The conditions for reproducing the failures of the American system through plea bargaining are already in place in England. Here, young people of Afro-Caribbean origin are widely seen by the law as criminogenic: most defendants with that background are unemployed and in receipt of welfare benefits; they assert their right to go to trial more often than their white counterparts; and statistical research shows that almost 40 per cent of English judges sentenced black defendants more harshly than whites.

Judicial plea bargaining is thus likely to exacerbate a situation in which black people are already over-represented in the English prison population.

The programme shows how the process of plea bargaining transforms defence lawyers from adversaries to adjunct prosecutors, whose sole purpose is to persuade the defendant to plead guilty. The defence attorney conveys to defendants the draconian penalties that judges will impose on those who dare to insist on trial and are later convicted by a jury. The programme shows how, should the defendant doubt the threat, the judge emphasises his intention to obtain a plea of guilt so all those present are clear as to the worthlessness of the presumption of innocence.

But how does the system answer the allegations of arm-twisting and endangering the innocent? Defendants, it is said, make a voluntary decision when confronted with unpleasant choices. "Voluntariness' is thus indistinguishable from accession to coercion. Moreover, nobody denies that this system convicts innocent people.

The programme explains how plea bargaining transforms a judicial system, nominally concerned with adjudicating criminal disputes involving individuals, into a cog in the state social-control apparatus applied to classes of people based on race and socio-economic status.

The question is not whether we in England can afford to run a system without judicial plea bargaining: rather the question is whether we are prepared to tolerate the inevitable consequences of its introduction into English law: innocent people coerced into pleading guilty; defence lawyers reduced to hapless messengers: and judges elevated on the basis of their ability to expedite the processing without trial. Some prices are not worth paying.

● *Professor Michael McConville, director of Legal Research Institute at Warwick University, and Professor Chester Mirsky, professor of clinical law, New York University, were consultants to* New York Law *(BBC1 tomorrow, 9.30pm).*

Moving up and on to the board

Fresh faces have appeared in positions of power. Who are they and how are they going to go about making changes?

Early summer is the handover period in law firms. New managing and senior partners take the reins, experienced partners move from one firm to another, and new partners are "made up", as they say in the profession.

Who are the fresh faces? One is Jonathan Lewis, the recently elected chief executive at D. J. Freeman. He is one of those with most to look forward to. The past few years have not been happy ones at the firm, despite its strength in insolvency work. However, with vigorous management by David Soloman the firm pulled through and has now stabilised.

"To deal with difficulties, my predecessor David Soloman really had to transform the firm and put in place a completely new business strategy," Mr Lewis says.


Chief: Jonathan Lewis

The kind of trauma undergone by D.J. Freeman either destroys a partnership or pulls it together. Mr Lewis feels that having come through fire and brimstone together, a new consensus has emerged upon which he can now build.

Keith Clark, who has just taken over as senior partner at Clifford Chance, faces another kind of opportunity. Having got through the recession less badly mauled than some predicted, he is keen the firm should reapply its massive weight to fulfilling its international role. Just one more heave, it seems, is needed to make Clifford Chance the first genuinely integrated international law firm with a single status partnership. If Mr Clark can manage this it will represent a landmark in the development of legal services world wide.

This is a cultural and social challenge as much as anything, but the outward manifestation of the firm's achievement of its goal would be a string of new offices. It has recently opened in Barcelona (to complement its Madrid office) and is expecting to continue with this process around the world. To complement the openings there is also a renewed emphasis on common core training, on secondments, and research and development so that all lawyers whatever their jurisdiction develop a common, firm-wide outlook with consistent standards of service.

This has all the echoes of the accountants Arthur Andersen's approach to business, but Mr Clark is adamant that the firm should not be identified primarily with one city or country. "We are not a London-based firm," he says. "We are an international law firm and I would regard a cosmopolitan attitude as essential for the lawyers who want to make their career with us."

The only off-limits area for Clifford Chance is likely to be the United States. While elsewhere it wishes to develop strong local practices — as it has in France and Spain, for example — America remains perhaps the only market not susceptible to that approach.

American clients are, however, the new targets for Dibb Lupton Broomhead, the Yorkshire firm which has recently set up a base in London. The speed of advance by Dibbs has been startling and it is now moved into its next phase by attracting Stuart Benson, one of the best-known city litigators.

As the former marketing partner at Turner Kenneth Brown, Mr Benson's departure caused a significant stir. His motive in joining a leading "regional" firm, however, was largely because he feels that the initiative in the national market has now moved decisively in favour of energetic regional practices.

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Reports created risk of prejudice

Regina v Taylor (Michelle Ann)
Regina v Taylor (Lisa Jane)

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Douglas Brown and Mr Justice Tuckey

[Judgment June 11]

The press was no more entitled to assume that a defendant was guilty in what it reported during the course of a trial, than a police officer was entitled to assume a defendant was guilty and suppress evidence which he feared might lead to the defendant being acquitted.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing appeals by Michelle Ann Taylor and Lisa Jane Taylor against their convictions in July 1992 at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice Blofeld and a jury) of murder.

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC and Mr Trevor Burke for the first appellant; Lady Mallalieu, QC and Mr Ian Bourne for the second appellant; Mr John Nutting and Miss Joanna Korner, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the prosecution alleged that the appellants had stabbed Alison Shaughnessy to death because Michelle was jealous having had a sexual relationship with Alison's husband, John, both before and after their marriage and Lisa was said to have disliked the way her sister had been treated.

Alison must have arrived home on June 3, 1991 at about 5.35pm. Her time of death was most likely to have been about 6.00pm but with a margin of two hours either side. She was discovered by her husband John and the appellant Michelle at about 8.00pm.

She had received 54 stab wounds, one of which cut the carotid artery. Nothing about the force administered meant that it more likely to have been a man than a woman since it was not beyond the capacity of a woman. There was ample alibi evidence to exonerate John.

The prime ground of appeal concerned matters which only came to light when the cases were being prepared for appeal and their solicitors, advised by counsel, pressed the Crown Prosecution Service as to whether there was still any material which had not been disclosed.

As a result learned junior counsel were permitted to go to the police station to read a large number of documents relating to the case. One document which came to light recorded a message received by a police officer on August 4, 1991 from Dr Michael Unsworth-White stating that the second woman he saw leaving the Shaughnessy home at the relevant time might have been black. His later statement said both women were blond.

Mr Nutting had conceded that he could not possibly argue that a failure to disclose an earlier inconsistent statement was not a material irregularity. Neither prosecuting counsel at the trial nor the Crown Prosecution Service had any idea of the existence of that document.

However, the detective sergeant in charge of the case did know of its existence and also its significance but decided there was no need to disclose it to the prosecuting legal team. He was plainly wrong in so thinking.

Another matter which at the time of the trial was totally unknown to counsel but was known to the police was the fact that Dr Unsworth-White had written to Barclays Bank on August 25, 1991 claiming the reward they were offering for information about the murder of their employee.

Mr Unsworth-Wright was a composed and impressive witness who would have cut a very different figure if that material had been available to allow the defence to cross-examine him.

The second matter of concern arose as a result of press coverage of the trial. In granting the appellants leave to appeal the single judge described that coverage as "unremitting, extensive, sensational, inaccurate and misleading". Having had the opportunity of reading a substantial selection of the newspaper reports in question, their Lordships saw no reason to dissent.

The newspapers had not limited themselves to anything said in court, most of it was not reporting at all, it was comment. During the trial defence counsel complained about that press coverage and the judge gave the jury several warnings that they should decide the case on the evidence before them but their Lordships found it quite impossible to say that the jury was not influenced in their decision by what they had read.

They were satisfied that the press coverage of the trial did create a real risk of prejudice against the defendants and for that second reason as well the convictions were unsafe and unsatisfactory and had to be quashed. Owing to the view taken of the way the case was reported, it was not right to order a re-trial.

In allowing the appeal, the court further ordered that papers in the case be sent to the Attorney-General for him to consider whether any proceedings should be taken against the newspapers in question.

Solicitors: Andrew Keenan & Co, Penge; Andrew Keenan & Co, Penge; Crown Prosecution Service, Central Courts.

Careful use of specimen directions

Regina v Taylor (Anthony)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Otton and Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment June 10]

Specimen directions published by the Judicial Studies Board were to be used with the greatest care. They might be safely given verbatim in a straightforward case of a type for which the specimen direction had been expressly designed.

However, where the circumstances or issues in the case required some adaptation of the specimen direction care was to be taken to adapt it appropriately.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when giving the judgment of the court allowing an appeal by Michael Anthony Taylor, aged 25, against conviction at Stafford Crown Court before Mr Justice Ward and a jury in November 1991 on counts of robbery from and rape of a prostitute, for which he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Mr John Wait, who did not appear below, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Roger Smith, QC for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the complainant's evidence was uncorroborated. The appellant had not given evidence but a statement made by him to the police was before the court at trial. He denied the complainant's allegations. She was a prostitute with numerous convictions.

The judge had directed the jury that the complainant was a lady of ill repute, of poor character. The jury might wonder how to take her character into account.

He said: "You should not assume just because she engages in that profession and just because she has innumerable convictions that she is not telling the truth. Those convictions and that bad character are not relevant to the likelihood of whether or not she has concocted the story, and concocting the story is what is really the issue here. Her convictions are only relevant as to whether or not you can believe her. It is for you to decide the extent to which, if at all, you are helped by that knowledge."

Mr Wait submitted that the judge had begun correctly in the quoted passage but complaint was made of the next sentence. That was simply wrong.

The relevance of the convictions was precisely to the issue in the case, namely, whether or not they helped the jury in deciding if the complainant had, or might have concocted the story.

The next sentence, Mr Wait submitted, with force, was a complete contradiction of what the judge had just said.

At best that part of the direction led to confusion. A later statement in the summing up was insufficient to correct what had clearly been put in error.

Their Lordships' accepted the suggestion by counsel on both sides that the judge had taken and had sought to adapt to the situation of the complainant, not the defendant, the specimen direction published by the Judicial Studies Board in June 1991. It was headed "Defendant's character, bad," which was appropriate to directing a jury as to a defendant's bad character.

The relevant part of the specimen direction read: "But you must not assume that a defendant is guilty or that he is not telling the truth because he has previous convictions. Those convictions are not relevant at all to the likelihood of his having committed the offence. They are relevant only as to whether you can believe him. It is for you to decide the extent to which, if at all, his previous convictions help you about that."

The second sentence was wholly appropriate when considering a defendant's bad character but was wholly inappropriate when considering the character of the complainant, as in the present case.

Whether or not the judge did in fact have the specimen direction in front of him when he delivered his summing up was beside the point. Their Lordships were satisfied that, putting it at its lowest, the effect was to create confusion.

Their Lordships would wish to say that they emphasised that specimen directions should be used with the greatest care. It might be that, in a straightforward case of a type for which the specimen direction was expressly designed, it could safely be given verbatim.

However, where the circumstances or issues in the case required some adaptation of the specimen direction, care should be taken to adapt it appropriately.

Specimen directions drafted for one purpose were not to be used for a different purpose.

The complainant's evidence was uncorroborated and all turned on her credibility. Her evidence was demonstrably incorrect in a number of respects.

Had the appeal rested simply on the discrepancies in her evidence their Lordships would have been reluctant to interfere with the jury's verdict.

However, she had given a chequered account of the matters in question and their Lordships felt doubt about the safety and satisfactory nature of the verdict and the right course had to be to allow the appeal.

Solicitors: CPS, West Midlands.

Joint occupation for housing benefit

Regina v Chesterfield Borough Council, Ex parte Fullwood

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment June 9]

The words "jointly occupies" in regulation 3(2)(d) of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (SI 1987 No 1971) referred to occupation under legal rights enjoyed jointly with one or more persons and did not include persons who merely resided together.

A man whose two adult sons normally resided with him but who were not liable for any payments to the landlord nor paid him any contribution was liable to a non-dependant deduction from his housing benefit.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Arthur Leslie Fullwood from the dismissal by Mr Justice Henry (*The Times* October 9, 1992) of his application for judicial review of Chesterfield Borough Council's decision to deduct part of his housing benefit because of his sons' residence with him.

Regulation 3 of the 1987 Regulations provides: "(1) In these regulations, 'non-dependant' means any person, except someone to whom paragraph (2) applies, who normally resides with a claimant.

"(2) This paragraph applies to — (a) any member of the claimant's family; ... (d) ... a person who jointly occupies the claimant's dwelling..."

Lord Campbell of Alloway QC and Miss Nan Alban-Lloyd for the appellant; Mr John Howell, QC, for Chesterfield Borough Council and the Department of Social Security.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN said the key concept in entitlement to housing benefit was being liable to make payments in respect of a dwelling which the claimant occupied as his home. There had to be occupation of the dwelling as a home and liability to make payments in respect of it.

But most dwellings did not house only the person liable to pay for the rent. There might be wives or partners, children, friends and relations, lodgers or paying guests.

The law had to discriminate between those categories of occupations, giving the benefit of the state subsidy to those whom the claimant ought to accommodate but not allowing it to be exploited by those who could afford to pay for themselves.

The sons, who were over 16, were not members of the claimant's family for the purposes of the regulations. The claimant maintained that they jointly occupied the dwelling.

It was clear to his Lordship that "jointly occupies" had to mean something narrower that "normally residing with", or there would be no non-dependants. The words had a legal flavour. If one said to the ordinary speaker of English: "For the purposes of regulation 3, is this man occupying the house jointly with the claimant, as opposed to residing with the claimant?" he would be unlikely to reply that it depended upon whether he had the run of the house or needed permission to use the kitchen. He would say that one should ask a lawyer.

In his Lordship's judgment the word "jointly" was a technical expression connoting a legal relationship.

The purpose of the distinction between non-dependants and others was to prevent people who could afford to pay for their accommodation from taking advantage of the claimant's subsidy. But a joint occupier would be liable to the landlord for his share of the payments due in respect of the dwelling.

He might or might not be entitled to housing benefit in respect of those payments, depending on his own financial circumstances. But he would not ordinarily be taking advantage of the other joint occupier's housing benefit, which would be related to his own share of liability.

Since the claim with which the appeal was concerned, the regulations had been amended and made clearer by the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations (SI 1990 No 546) to add to paragraph (d) the words: "and is either a co-owner of that dwelling with the claimant or his partner or his partner to make payments in respect of his occupation of the dwelling."

Solicitors: Elliott Mather Smith, Chesterfield; Sharpe Pritchard; Solicitor, Department of Social Security.

Deciding when interest is to be added in compromising Admiralty claim

The Lu Shan

Before Mr Justice Clarke

[Judgment June 11]

On compromising an Admiralty action for damages relating to a collision between vessels, interest should be added to each claim before striking the balance and the date for striking the balance was either the date of assessment or the date of agreement.

Mr Justice Clarke so declared in the Admiralty Court of the Queen's Bench Division on resolving a dispute between the parties, having agreed that each was 50 per cent to blame and having agreed the claims could not agree when interest had to be added.

Mr Charles Macdonald, QC, for the plaintiffs, the owners of the Botany Triad; Mr Nigel Teare, QC, for the defendants, the owners of the Lu Shan.

MR JUSTICE CLARKE said that the ships came into collision on December 6, 1986. On June 4 it was agreed that each was 50 per cent to blame. It was agreed that each party's claim would be referred to the Admiralty Registrar for assessment. However, no assessment was necessary as the claims were agreed on December 21, 1992.

The claim of the Lu Shan was agreed at US$340,391.02 exclusive of interest and that of the Botany Triad at A$258,519.68 exclusive of interest.

Converted into United States dollars as at December 21, the claim of the Botany Triad was agreed at US$179,129.49.

The conversion of the smaller claim into the currency of the greater as at the date of assessment or agreement was in accordance with the decision of Mr Justice Sheen in *The Transoceanica Francesca* ([1987] 2 Lloyd's Rep 155).

The court had to decide when interest should be added. There was no case directly on the point.

In *The Despina R* ([1977] 1 Lloyd's Rep 618, 628) Mr Justice Brandon had expressed the view, *obiter* and without hearing argument, that the balance should be struck at the date of assessment. Mr Justice Sheen had reached the same view after hearing argument in *The Transoceanica Francesca*.

His Lordship was confident that he would have reached the same conclusion even without the benefit of those two cases. The extent of each party's claim would only become apparent some time after the collision. Repairs might not be done immediately and it was the cost of repairs which formed the substantial part of the claim and it would be some considerable time before the extent of the claim could be known.

It was unrealistic to strike a balance at the the date of collision. Interest should be added to each claim before the balance was struck.

From an early date, the Admiralty Court had taken the view that a plaintiff had to be compensated not only for the loss caused by the collision but also for the late payment of that loss. Interest was awarded as part of the damages and also to compensate for late payment.

His Lordship had considered a number of decided cases and did not think that there was anything in those cases which led to any other conclusion that the loss of each party should be assessed at the date the balance was struck.

That date should be taken should be taken for the purpose of converting the smaller claim into the currency of the larger. Interest should be calculated on both claims up to that date and a balance struck between the claims inclusive of interest. That approach would reflect both capital loss caused by the collision and that time had passed between the collision and assessment.

His Lordship would exercise his discretion on the facts of the present case and would direct that the plaintiff's claim be converted from Australian dollars into United States dollars as from the date of his Lordship's judgment and that interest at appropriate rates and from appropriate dates be added to each claim before a balance was struck.

In reaching that conclusion the inherent jurisdiction of the Admiralty Court had been applied and it not necessary to consider what the position would be under the Supreme Court Act 1981.

Solicitors: Sinclair Roche & Temperley; Clyde & Co.

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Dated this 8th day of June, 1993.

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A list of names and addresses of the above Company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., P O Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 42nd Floor, London, W2 6LP, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
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R.D. Hibbert - Director.

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INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Signed: M.H. Abdulali
Administrative Receiver

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Dated this 10th day of June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Mr G F Goodwin, DIRECTOR.

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors — Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2128589
Name of company: A L Leisure Ltd T/A The Comet Sports & Social Club. Nature of business: a Sports & Social Club. Address of registered office: Trevlot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: R A Segal A. Segal & Co., Trevlot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 006886. Date of appointment: 1 June 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 3 June 1993.

The Insolvency Act 1986
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Dated this 9th day of June 1993.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator.

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RE: TRANSATLANTIC LEISURE CORPORATION LTD. AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Dated this 15th day of May 1993
Roy Anthony Buck, Director.

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Late of: Farmleigh, Castleknock, Co Dublin
deceased
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William Sinclair Roche, on behalf of McCann FitzGerald Solicitors
2 Harbourmaster Place
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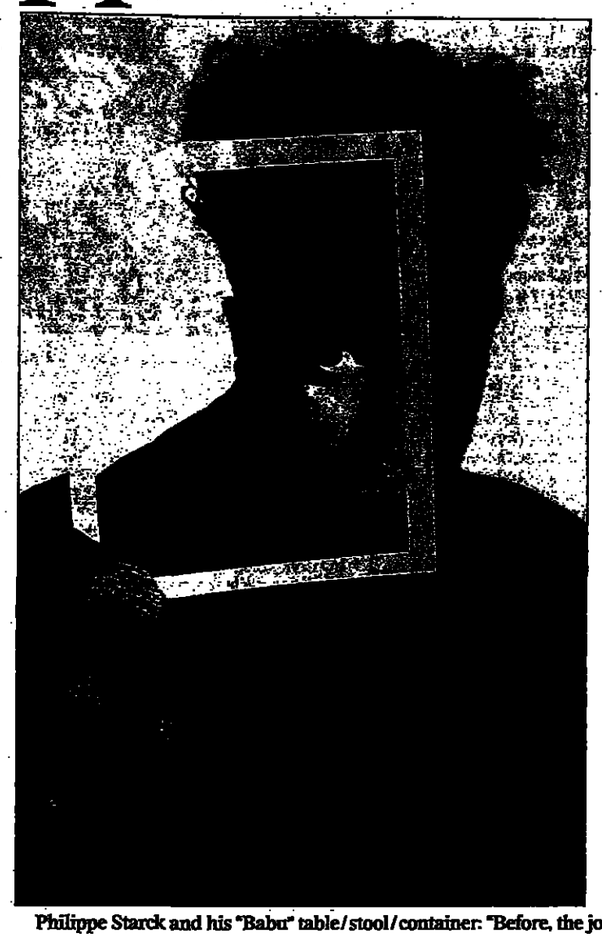
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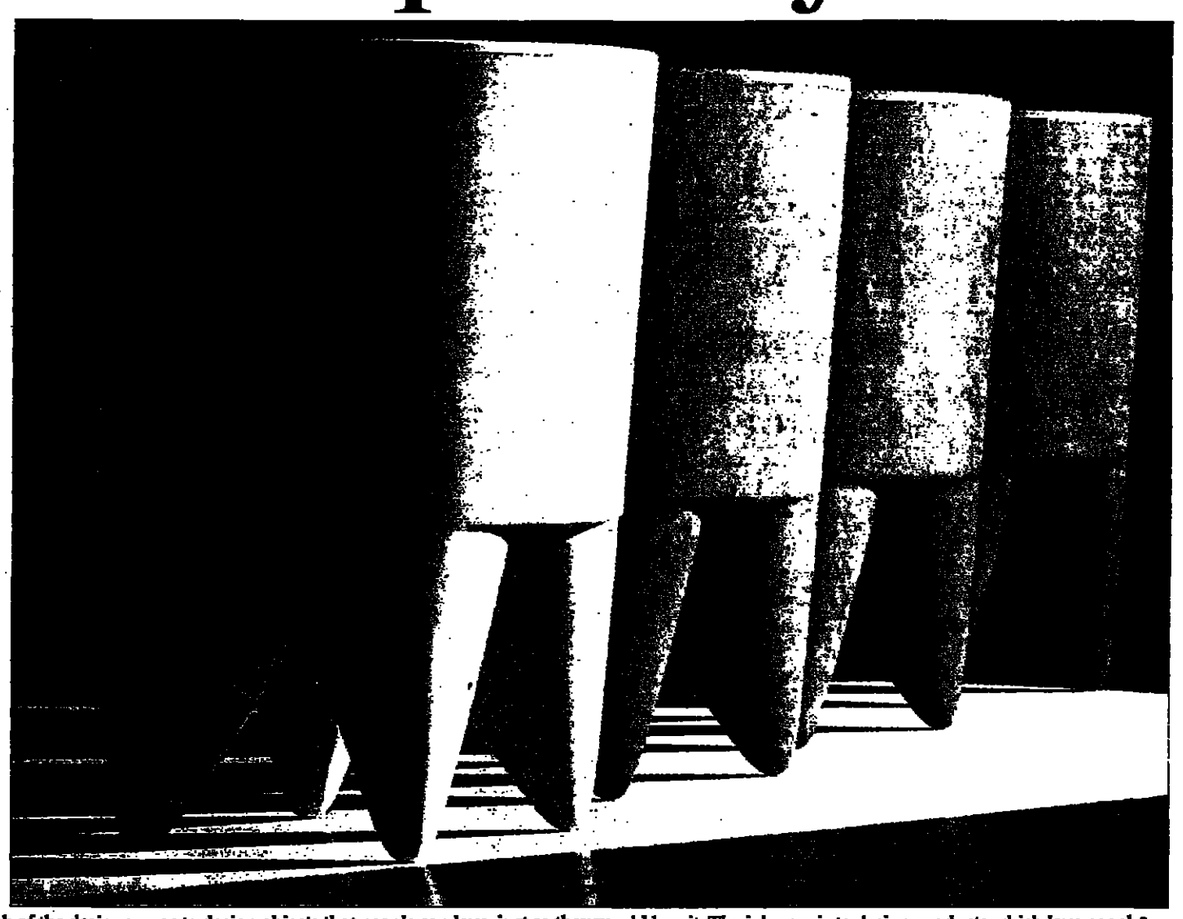
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Happiness is . . . a square oyster

Joe Joseph talks to the maverick French designer Philippe Starck, subject of a major London exhibition





Philippe Starck and his "Babu" table/stool/container: "Before, the job of the designer was to design objects that people can love, just so they would buy it. The job now is to design products which love people"

Why, you ask Philippe Starck as he perches, a little podgy in his swimsuit, on a wharf by his Bordeaux oyster farm, why would anyone want to breed square oysters? "Eet's my 'obby," he giggles in his Maurice Chevalier English. "I like very much the idea of changing the shape of prehistoric animals, just to try to be a little like God. *Hah hah hah!* At the moment they are just square. That's the first stage. But it's just done for pleasure, just to play with infinity. It's a private joke. *Hah hah hah!*"

This unconventional sense of humour has made Starck probably the richest, most lionised, most prolific, most versatile, most commissioned and most ridiculed designer alive. There is almost nothing that Starck (even his studio colleagues address him baldly as Starck) has not refashioned.

Lamps, chairs? Of course. Restaurants? Plenty. Pasta? Yup. Offices? Sure. Palaces? Three rooms in President Mitterrand's apartment in the Elysée, actually. A yacht? Naturally. A toothbrush? Cheapish and stylish. A whole street? He's one-third of the way through completing Rue Starck in Paris, for which he is designing everything from the houses to the lamp posts.

Most of his work is gracefully simple yet impish, all done without formal training in design, architecture or engineering: this, Starck reckons, has been his creative salvation. He works compulsively, but never at a drawing board. This week the Design Museum in London is diving head first into the "genius or jerk?" debate, with the sort of huge retrospective (entitled "Is Starck a Designer?") usually assembled for artists like Picasso.

So, is Starck taking a break from his diary in Bordeaux? No. "It is easier for me to dream here, and I have a lot to dream this afternoon because we must make the new airport control tower for the airport of Bordeaux. But it's not very important." Maybe not to Starck.

Does Starck know anything about air control towers? "Oh, I know nothing about everything. But I have very strong intuition." There is every chance that Starck's control tower for Bordeaux will resemble a bottle of claret, with radar scanners in the shape of square oysters. It may be that Starck has no concept of being scared of flying in a plane that is being lured to the runway by a giant bottle of Château Lafite because his mind would be on other things: he designed his famous Dr Glob chair in the time it took for the seatbelt signs in an aeroplane to go on and off.

It is this speed, perhaps, that makes rivals suspect Starck's skill. "Perhaps I *am* a charlatan. For me the amount of time spent on something is not a measure of quality. I make one design, that's all, for everything. For a chair I can take two minutes. For a building I can take 15 minutes, then another three hours to develop it. After three hours I am dead. I cannot continue. I am much too *ty-red*. I have a very short battery life. Very strong, it's like a racing car, but not very far."

But don't assume he palms off clients with scribbles. "It's two minutes to draw it, but it's 20 years of magma, of thinking about something. I work 24 hours a day with my magma, and when I need something I just go to fish in it. That's why people say I go very fast."

So Starck is a *real* designer, right? "That is the question I ask myself every day. And more and more I think 'no'. You have to earn your right to live in your society, and I think being a designer is not enough. After all, there are a lot of very, very good chairs, very comfortable. That is why I hope I am not a designer, and I hope that I bring something more through this masochistic vehicle, which might be a chair, lamp, motorcycle, toothbrush, toilet brush, something like that."

Hang on, Philippe. Lamps, brushes, masochistic? "Yes, because it's a very masochistic vehicle to use to speak to people. If you are very logical, and not a masochist, you write, you go into politics, you think, but you do something very direct. But trying to bring your small stone in to the pyramid of society through something which cannot speak, like a chair, that's really masochistic. It's the most difficult way to speak to people. Can you imagine what you can do with a chair? Almost nothing!" Except sit on it, of course.

So, after designing everything from Manhattan hotels to mail-order house kits, Starck now brims with self-doubt. "I regret all the design I have done," he says sweepingly, "Because it was always *not perfect. I regret everything. I regret my life. Can you imageene?* I have always not understood why I live. That's why I work so much."

What happened to the brash, flash, fun-loving maverick who still paints a boyish grin on his 44-year-old face? "I am Russian in origin. And Russian men do not like happiness because happiness is a little *voolgare*. I cannot imagine trying to be happy. Melancholy is more elegant. I work a lot against the idea of fun. I want pleasure, I want a smile, but never fun. Fun is for Californian surfers."

Which of his products fills Starck most with pride? "The next one. *It's not a joke!* It's because I am always dreaming about something better. The next product will be just 'purpose' without the product, that means a friendly product, with less to see, more to feel, with a big soul, *with very little design. Design for* design's sake is completely dead.

"The priority is how to do less with more soul and more honesty. That means if somebody asks me to design a boat, my work as a designer before was to say, 'Okay, I shall design you a beautiful boat'. But my new job, my real job of designer, is to say, 'Do you want a boat? Do you think you really need it? Do you want to try going for a swim? It's nice to swim'."

Luckily, Starck has more than enough money if business shrinks. Lucky because he sees the future of design in making people buy fewer objects, thus sparing the world's resources. He is convinced that we will be living increasingly solitary lives, communicating by computers and satellites, and so we will need to surround ourselves with sympathetic products that will love us. "Before, the job of the designer was to design objects that people can love, just so they would buy it. But that has become obsolete because we want people to buy less. Today we see people with a lot of products around them, but they remain alone. These products are not good friends. That's why the job now is to design products which love people."

Like square oysters. *Hah hah hah!*

● Is Starck a Designer? *runs at the Design Museum, Butlers Wharf, London SE1 (071-403 6933) from Thursday to October 3, 10.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri, 10.30am-6.30pm Saturday.*

DANCE: **John Percival** on a key work in the history of English ballet

Job well done, two decades on

DÈE CONWAY



Birmingham Royal Ballet's *Job*: in 1931 the work was one of the earliest British examples of the new expressive dance

Serge Diaghilev was right to turn down the idea for the ballet *Job* put to him in 1927 by its author, Geoffrey Keynes, although only one of the two reasons he gave was valid. The subject was indeed "too English" to suit his Russian Ballet; the ballet is based on William Blake's vision of the Book of Job.

That Englishness turned into a virtue when Vaughan Williams wrote the ballet's score and Ninette de Valois staged it in 1931. The success of *Job*, its magnitude, grandeur and seriousness, helped get British ballet off to a strong start, and those qualities are seen again in Birmingham Royal Ballet's new production, bringing the work back to the British stage after 21 years.

But Diaghilev was wrong in thinking the concept old-fashioned. What de Valois produced was one of the earliest British examples of the new expressive dance then flourishing in mainland Europe and taking hold in America. There is not a pointe shoe to be seen, hardly a ballet step in it; rather, a sinuous, sensuous style of movement which she devised partly by tracing copies of Blake's drawings.

The style is at its strongest in the role of Satan, where a vigorous and vicious angularity mixes with insinuating smoothness, and almost as much so in the groups of tormentors he introduces. If Vaughan Williams does not quite give the devil's party all the best tunes, he did let them have the most original and memorable ones, a skilled twisting of jazz idioms.

The goodies (Job, his family, pious Elihu, the angels endlessly circling on a steep flight of steps below God's throne) risk seeming insipid by comparison; their rituals rely more heavily on the strength of the score, especially the rich hymn-like tune asserting the final victory of good. Luckily the Royal Ballet Sinfonia has been in great form all season, and it played *Job* both solemnly and jubilantly under Paul Murphy.

The choice of this work to honour Dame Ninette's 95th birthday is another example of Peter Wright's superior skill in choosing repertoire for BRB (how apt that his knighthood should be announced last weekend). Sadly, a fall a month ago kept the choreographer from rehearsals and from the performance; but her production has been well staged by Joy Newton and Jean Bedells (successive ballet mistresses of Sadler's Wells Ballet in the 1940s) with help from Michael Somes.

BRB cannot field a huge personality for Satan such as earlier productions have sometimes enjoyed: not only Dolin or Helpmann of tremendous memory, but David Blair and Stephen Jefferies only a generation ago. However, Michael O'Hare dances the part with force, flair and conviction. Might it have been a good idea to go for new designs closer to Blake (as Gwen Raverat's were originally) than John Piper's free adaptation introduced in 1948? Anyway, the ballet looks handsome on the big Birmingham Hippodrome stage, and will again at Covent Garden next month.

LONDON CONCERTS

Voices of youth and experience

THE young Mozart, rising into the full energy of adult life, and the aging Richard Strauss, looking ahead to death, dominated London's music-making at the end of last week.

The Philharmonia's Mozart concert was particularly memorable. Claus Peter Flor chose the *Missa Brevis*, written when the composer was 18, and the Concerto in F for three pianos, written two years later.

Distant (just *too* distant) plainsong, wafting invisibly from the nether regions of the Festival Hall, greeted each section of the Mass, which was sung and played by a section of the Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus as small as the work itself. Both playing and singing captured the sharp, youthful directness of the music. Lucid, gently inflected phrasing followed the natural weight of vowel and consonant: the overlapping fragments of the word "descendit" fell down with force, the nails of the "Crucifixus" pierced deep, and the Holy Spirit was glimpsed momentarily in the flame of the solo violin.

The Philharmonia Chorus showed, both here and in the Szymanowski *Stabat Mater* which concluded the concert that, with the possible exception of the BBC Symphony Chorus, it can now knock spots off any of its rivals. David Hill's fine work with it as artistic director and chorus master was pitted against the solo singing of Israeli soprano Sylvia Greenberg (a Queen of the Night whose low register is as fragrant and mellow as her top is radiant), Linda Finnie, Thomas Randle (arm in sling, but tenor unscathed) and Anthony Michaels-Moore.

The little concerto which the 20-year-old Mozart wrote for Salzburg's Countess Lodron and her two daughters is often eclipsed by the great E flat two-piano work. Most of this is exquisite froth, and one part is so simple that it can easily be (and sometimes is) telescoped into the other two. Bruno Leonardo Gelber picked the short straw and Katia and Marielle Labèque, frock-coated in coy Amadeus style, gleefully revealed every trick of ornament and *galanterie* in the young Mozart's trade.

Cheryl Studer brought Richard Strauss's Four Last Songs to the Barbican on Thursday. An extraordinary gown had her head efflorescing out of a vast magenta and scarlet collar-ruff, for all the world like one of Strauss's own late mallows or asters.

Her performance, though, was sober. Against a **London Symphony Orchestra** sometimes allowed by André Previn to be over-lush in its responses, Studer gave a bright, unambiguous welcome to Hermann Hesse's "Spring" and swung into the heavier weight of his "September". Her "Beim schlafengehen" followed the soul on its night flight with a broadly sustained crescendo which circled and finally sank in a long, beautifully controlled vocal line.

Previn, who had opened the evening with the UK premiere of Steven Stucky's *Son et Lumière*, a glowing and most imaginatively orchestrated quasi-minimalist piece he had premiered in California two years ago, ended the concert with an equally committed performance of Vaughan Williams's Symphony No 5.

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The Marriage of Figaro
Hackney Empire

THE rear stalls area at the *Hackney Empire is set out like* a saloon bar, and if you go there to see the Opera Company's splendid production of *The Marriage of Figaro*, you will find it is not Maltesers passed down the row but lager and crisps. It is a delightful venue — the sound carries well to the front stalls at least — and entirely appropriate for a witty, down-to-earth staging such as this. Despite the informal atmosphere, the audience hung on every word — as well they might, in Jeremy Sams's hilarious translation — while Martin Smith's lively production was both adroit and engaging.

It is a broadly conventional production, though by setting it in the Edwardian era Smith is able to highlight the work's Upstairs Downstairs element. The Count, strongly sung and acted by Howard Quilla Croft, *has a brutish edge to his* arrogance: he even threatens his wife with the tools he has fetched to unlock the closet. When Cherubino is sent off to battle by Figaro, it is made frighteningly clear that it is the trenches of the first world war for which he is heading.

Heather Shipp's Cherubino is another alert portrayal, making great capital out of the double-take of a girl playing a boy looking awkward in girl's clothes — especially high-heeled shoes. With a high standard of acting overall, the star of the evening was Michael John Pearson, whose winning *Figaro was a constant* delight to ear and eye. Whether countering the Count or suffering the agonies of jealousy during Susanna's "Deh vieni", this Figaro was an outstanding portrayal.

Jenny Saunders's Susanna was too lightweight to command the stage convincingly, but "Deh vieni" was affectingly sung. Tracey Chadwell's Countess also lacked something of the gravity demanded by the character, though this did lend her "Dove sono" a touching vulnerability. Don Basilio's bluster was effectively depicted by Philip Slane, and Gerard Delrez and Heather Fryer were a fine Bartolo and Marcellina. The roles of Antonio, Barbarina and Don Curzio were well taken by Dominic Burns, Anne Cambier and Stephen Mullan.

The standard of orchestral playing was well above average for this kind of venture. David Jones's conducting was alert and vigorously paced, though not always as eloquently shaped as in "Dove sono". There are six more performances, in tandem with *The Magic Flute*, at various venues in the southeast.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

LYSISTRATA: Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall directs, Ranjit Bolt translates.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Opens tonight, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Ⓢ

PEKING OPERA: Accurately called the Beijing Jing Ju Opera Troupe, the famous company perform *The Little Phoenix*, a spectacular tale of a woman winning out over men in the time of the warring dynasties. A Lift presentation.
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OLAF BAR: The outstanding German baritone is accompanied by Helmut Deutsch for a recital of songs by Schubert and Beethoven (eight Leider "An die ferne Geliebte").
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm. Ⓢ

ANDRE PREVIN: The conductor turns pianist in a chamber music programme of pieces by Mendelssohn, Mozart and Beethoven. Joining him are violinist Alexander Barantschik, viola player Edward Vanderspar, cellist Moray Welsh and clarinettist Andrew Marriner.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm. Ⓢ

THE DESIRE PATHS: Graeme Miller's music-theatre piece, *The Desire Paths*, a name town-planners give to routes people insist on taking instead of the concrete ones provided. A Barclays New Stages and Lift presentation.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (LIFT box office: 071-413 1459). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

BRIAN MAY: While attention has focused on the passing of Freddie Mercury, his former Queen colleague has been quietly turning himself into a solo act of some clout. With a string of hits including "Driven By You", a spectacular light show, a band featuring drummer Cozy Powell and plenty of Queen songs thrown in, his debut tour has proved a success.
Brixton Academy, Stockwell Road, SW9 (071-326 1022), tonight, 7pm.

PARIS POST WAR — ART AND EXISTENTIALISM 1945-55: The heady atmosphere of Paris immediately after the second world war is captured in a show which centres on the work of Alberto Giacometti and Wols, both foreigners who became part of the Ecole de Paris. Around them were Picasso and Dubuffet, but also figures such as Jean Aglion, Bram van Velde, Henri Michaux and Jean Fautrier, who are now receiving new attention.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until Sept 5. Ⓢ

REGIONAL

BAGNOR: John Morrison's popular adaptation of **Tom Jones** with songs. James Buller as the heroic bed-hopper.
Watermill, Bagnor, near Newbury (0635 46044). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm (except for the gala evenings on June 26 and July 24, 6.30pm). Ⓢ

BATH: The Holburne Museum first went on show in Bath in 1893, and the collector after whom it is named, Sir William Holburne, was born in 1793. **Holburne One Hundred** celebrates the double centenary and presents the history of the collecting Holburnes, bachelor Sir William and his three unmarried sisters. Using the artefacts he collected — paintings, miniatures, silver, porcelain — the exhibition reflects the context of their lives and their period.
Holburne Museum, Great Pulteney Street, Bath (0225 466669). Mon-Sat, 11am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Oct 18.

EDINBURGH: Scottish Opera continues its summer tour. The touring repertoire comprises Bellini's *Norma*, the company's first ever production, directed by Ian Judge, with the powerful soprano Jane Eaglen in the title role and Katherine Ciesinski as Adalgisa (tonight, Sat); David Pountney's production of *Eugene Onegin*, revived during the Tchaikovsky centenary (tomorrow, Fri); and *The Makropoulos Case*, a stylish production, again by Pountney, of one of Janáček's greatest and most moving operas, with Kathryn Harries as the tormented 300-year-old protagonist (Thurs).
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street (031-229 1201). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

IPSWICH: This is the first regional production of **The Black Prince**, dramatised from the Iris Murdoch novel of late love and its hazards. Antony Tuckey directs, and the sets first appear as book ends.
Wolsey, Civic Drive (0473 253725). Tonight-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

■ **THE DEARLY BELOVED:** Philip Osment's subtle and compassionate look at the tensions raging below the surface in a small West Country town.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama: final week.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◩ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

◩ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat. 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **IN LAMBETH:** Thomas Paine shelters from the mob with Mr and Mrs William Blake: Jack Shepherd's rewarding play about two very different revolutionaries. Recommended.
Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 (081-741 8701). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. 90mins. Ⓢ

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins. Ⓢ

□ **LEONARDO:** The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical: great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

□ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **THE SHOWMAN:** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins. Ⓢ

□ **STUDS:** Intricate ensemble playing by Dublin's Passion Machine makes foot-stamping theatre from the antics of a hopeless soccer team: final week.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Ⓢ

◩ **TRANSLATIONS:** British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◩ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) □ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ◩ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse Ⓢ (071-839 4401) ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◩ **Kiss of the Spider Woman:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . . ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . □ **The Woman In Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

♦ **ARMY OF DARKNESS** (15): *Evil Dead* hero Bruce Campbell fights medieval England's undead. Exuberant horror parody from director Sam Raimi.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

♦ **CLOSE TO EDEN** (15): Trite, condescending tale of New York detective Melanie Griffith going undercover among Hasidic Jews. Sidney Lumet directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** Ⓢ (071-435 3366)

SOFIE (15): The spent life of a Jewish woman in late 19th century Denmark. Liv Ullmann's skilful, humane directorial debut; marvellously acted by Karen-Lise Mynster, Erland Josephson.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

♦ **SWING KIDS** (12): Nazi politics threaten three youngsters' passion for American jazz. Trivial treatment of interesting material. With Robert Sean Leonard, Christian Bale; director, Thomas Carter.
Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance between extrovert waitress Marisa Tomei and reclusive busboy Christian Slater. Tony Bill directs; with Rosie Perez.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031).

♦ **THE VANISHING** (15): Kiefer Sutherland hunts for a lost girl while Jeff Bridges plays cat and mouse. Uneven exercise in Hitchcockian suspense. Director, George Sluizer.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

♦ **FALLING DOWN** (18): White-collar American (Michael Douglas) goes on the rampage. Controversial drama that inflates society's sores to no good purpose; director, Joel Schumacher.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

VACAS: Julio Medem's striking, mysterious Basque saga is strong on jagged images but weak on narrative momentum.
ICA Ⓢ (071-930 3647).

ROCK: An open-air festival in north London, and two contenders on the road

Alternative is a relative term

Great Xpectations
Finsbury Park

IN previous years the "alternative" summer rock show in Finsbury Park has been overshadowed by the Fleadh, the annual Celtic rock knees-up staged at the same open-air venue over the same weekend. Not any more. Apart from the plain fact that last Sunday's headlining act, the Cure, are a much bigger draw than the Fleadh's principal attraction on Saturday, Bob Dylan, the alternative event was pulled into much sharper focus this year by the involvement of Radio XFM.

XFM is the station which went on air for two trial periods in north London in 1992. Its vision of a local commercial station showcasing music by new and alternative rock acts — an equivalent to the role played by college stations in North America — was greeted with enthusiasm, and the station currently has an application lodged with the Radio Authority for a local FM licence in London.

As part of its campaign to win friends and influence the authority, XFM took an active part in promoting what it called the Great Xpectations show, assembling a line-up of groups whose music would form the backbone of the station's playlist. With ticket sales very close to the enclosure's 30,000 capacity, XFM's claim that there is a demand for this kind of music was amply demonstrated.

What the show told us about the music itself was more equivocal. Alternative in spirit, perhaps, but in practice the event underlined the surprisingly conservative working practices of the new breed of rock acts. With a total of nine acts featured, plus "surprise" guest appearances by Damon Albarn of Blur and Guy Chadwick of the House of Love, it was remarkable that at no time during the day was any instrument other than guitar, bass and drums employed.

The only deviants from the traditional formula were Carter USM, who performed their pop-funk anthems, as usual, with the aid of taped backing tracks. It is a trick which always seems vaguely unsatisfactory, lending a rather contrived quality to the duo's lolloping manoeuvres and scathing style. This was no exception, despite the addition of some pretty fireworks and coloured smoke.

The Cure's set was something of a holding operation, it being their only gig this year. They played songs from last year's *Wish* album, together with older items such as "Push" and "Fascination Street". With the band limited to an hour on stage, numbers were frequently truncated, but they capitalised on being the only act on late enough to make full use of the lights, transforming the stage into a misty, jewelled cave with dazzling flashes of mica emanating from the rockface.

For the rest of the bands, success depended on stagecraft and more often than not on simple, old-fashioned graft. Belly acquitted themselves with honour, their songs a strange combination of the discordant and the catchy. Tanya Donnelly's singing trod a fine line between mysterious and goofy, while bassist Gail Greenwood took the award for most athletic performance of the day, a barnstorming display which raised the energy level of a band sometimes prone to excessive introspection.

Sugar, the trio led by ex-Hüsker Dü guitarist Bob Mould, applied an awesome display of firepower to a set of songs teetering between groundbreaking extravagance and anarcho-grunge indulgence. Not a glamorous performer, more a guy who gets the job done, Mould's influence on the development of "alternative" rock has nevertheless been pivotal.



Bob Mould, of the trio Sugar: not glamorous, but he gets the job done

That influence was especially evident in the melodic, high-intensity performance of Catherine Wheel, a four-piece from East Anglia, who played a set of devastating conviction in the middle of the afternoon. During their epic closing number, "Black Metallic", Rob Dickinson unleashed a howling torrent of noise from his guitar as the sun shone peacefully above.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Up pops another songwriting team

Dodgy
Marquee, London

"IF YOU can't write a chorus on the back of a postage stamp," Damon from Blur opined recently, "then you may as well not bother." He could have been talking about Dodgy, a group whose songwriting abilities are already being marked down as producing instant pop classics.

There are sound reasons for accepting the accuracy of such optimistic statements. Dodgy's eponymously titled debut album is packed with bright, uncomplicated pop songs. Their three-part harmonies nod in the direction of Sixties stalwarts such as the Beatles and the Byrds. Swirling keyboards contribute a touch of Pink Floyd; there is undeniably something quintessentially English about their lineage.

Certainly the Marquee entered into the spirit of the fevered excitement surrounding the band by turning off the air-conditioning in favour of an over-active smoke machine and a set of strobe lights. Yet, even in the sweltering heat generated by the capacity crowd, Dodgy managed to look irrepressibly cool and their energetic performance was an object lesson in precision playing. Although the heart of songs like "Lovebirds", "Water Under The Bridge" and "I Need Another" lies in the interplay that links Andy Miller's rhythm guitar with Nigel Clark's and Mathew Priest's bass and drums section, they have expanded their sound considerably with the recent addition of keyboard player Zed Jamieson. Far from unsettling their finely balanced songs, Jamieson contributes a live and full-bodied sound that provides an alluring counterpoint to the airy, floaty vocals of Clark and Miller.

Unlike many bands on the British scene, Dodgy are a group whose masterplan appears simply to be to have fun. Their recent history includes a series of self-promoted gigs at their own Dodgy Club in London. Not only are their songs well road-tested but in the absence of any posturing, there is an unmistakable rapport with their fan base.

At times, given the visibility of Dodgy's musical influences, it is tempting to wonder what retrogressive tendencies may be at work within their own songs. Dodgy's melodic sensibility originates in the direct and unashamed re-reading of much Sixties pop music. This is in fact a source of considerable strength. Miller and his men have spliced such classic formalism with a punchy delivery that is resolutely modern. Such is their panache that it is very nearly impossible to pinpoint anything to dislike about Dodgy. And that, in itself, is an achievement of some merit.

LOUISE GRAY

Air of heirs apparent

Kingmaker
UEA, Norwich

TOWARDS the end of this concert the stage-divers were queuing up to plunge back into the audience. The early, tentative dives were replaced by more complex versions that might, were it an Olympic sport, command marks for degrees of difficulty. These gymnastic rituals are a mark of Kingmaker's success in attracting a fiercely committed following, born of relentless touring, the odd hit, and extensive, if grudging, pop-press coverage.

Their University of East Anglia show, drawn mostly from their new album *Sleepwalking*, went with a brisk swagger. The threesome of Loz Hardy (guitar and vocals), Myles Howell (bass) and John Andrew (drums) brew a sprightly power pop from quality ingredients: a pinch of the Undertones, a hint of the Clash and a dash of Chuck Berry. Their looks match the recipe: Hardy, with his quiff and Buddy Holly specs, is all high-school-hop chic; while Andrew's bleached crop belongs to punk.

Kingmaker's distinctness, though, is in lyrics that are rich in sixth-form cynicism. Each song is a bitter tirade against a mean world and deluded people: It is a lousy place, it is getting worse, and we deserve no better, is their cheering message. On record, Hardy undercuts these glum sentiments with a voice which manages to find some last-ditch defiance amidst the despair. Live, however, his singing often strained to do more than hold the songs together. It lacked the bark for the bile of "Honesty Kills" ("The noose is all he's good for, string him up"). Just as the lighting effects keep reducing the band to silhouettes, so Hardy's voice became a shadow of its recorded self.

When the arrangements were less busy, the vocals flourished, giving back some bite to songs like "Queen Jane" and "Armchair Anarchist". There were nice touches too in the slide show. In Brechtian style, they ended their opening number with a stark greeting of "Hello" and finished with "Want more then?" There was no need to ask the stage-divers. They were now attempting double somersault with tuck — save for the fan who, confirming Kingmaker's grim world view, ended up in hospital after one pike too many.

JOHN STREET

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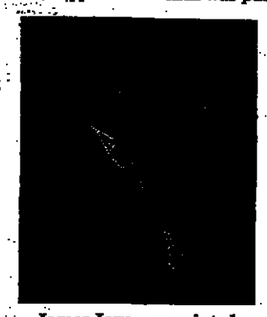
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I'm sorry, I'll publish that again

The original text of Joyce's *Ulysses*, which is reprinted tomorrow, on 'Bloomsday', will rekindle a fierce literary debate, says **Nicolette Jones**

In *Finnegans Wake*, James Joyce referred to Ireland as "Errorland". This would, as it turns out, have made an appropriate title for *Ulysses*; no one has yet managed to print the book without a plethora of mistakes. Successive attempts to "correct" the text in line with Joyce's intentions have given rise to new errors and triggered an academic debate of ballistic ferocity.

The latest development in the to-and-fro of new editions and accusations of incompetence, opportunism and even deceit, is the return to the original 1922 edition. It is re-published tomorrow, on Bloomsday itself, by Oxford University Press. This time it is not re-set, but photographed, to avoid further flaws.



James Joyce, as painted by James Blanche in 1934

Ironically, the 1922 edition was long perceived as a notably inaccurate text (Joyce himself was anxious that a second edition should put things right). The first edition was published in Paris by Sylvia Beach of Shakespeare & Co. after both British and American publication had been thwarted by the censors, though expurgated episodes had been printed in the *Little Review* in America and in *The Egoist* in England. In 1920, copies of the *Little Review* were confiscated and burnt; in 1921, the American publisher was found guilty of obscenity and publication stopped.

Joyce was grateful that *Ulysses* was published at all, and the 1922 edition was better than nothing — but not much. It is a signal of how absurdly problematic subsequent revisions have become that the 1922 edition is now hailed as a necessary opportunity to get back to base.

An inevitable difficulty has always been the unprecedented complexity of the text itself: dense with wordplay, puns disguised as misspellings, and neologisms. But that was not the only hurdle. The book was printed in Dijon, and as Jeri Johnson (the Joyce scholar who has written the introduction to OUP's republished edition) points out, the "French typesetters were having to set by hand what was perhaps the most linguistically complex work of literature yet written in a language they did not know, from handwriting which is, at the best of times, difficult to decipher, on proofs which were often dense with addenda". Joyce didn't make it any easier by making alterations every time he got his hands on a proof, sometimes even changing the text to embrace typesetting errors.

After the first edition came out, Joyce compiled a list of errata, which was published with the first English edition and incorporated into its next printing. But there were still errors, some of them new. So it went on: every new edition added some mistakes, as it removed others.

Further complications included a pirate edition that became the basis of subsequent versions (after the book was cleared of obscenity in 1934); an edition printed in Hamburg, revised by Joyce's friend, Stuart Gilbert, on his instructions; a limited edition illustrated by Matisse that Joyce had a hand in revising; and an edition in 1961, claimed as "scrupulously corrected". The Joyce critic Jack Dalton responded to this claim by asserting that he found 4,000 corruptions in it: Dalton was contracted to produce his own critical edition, but never did.

The man who took on this task in the late 1970s was the German professor, Hans Walter Gabler, authorised by the Joyce Estate, and it was his boldly titled *Ulysses: The Corrected Text*, published, to acclaim at first, in 1984, that ignited the biggest critical explosion so far. His principal adversary was a young American research fellow, John Kidd. The rumpus began with a lecture in 1985, followed by a conference in Monaco to discuss the controversy, and in 1988 an article in the *New York Review of Books* entitled "The Scandal of *Ulysses*". Argument raged on the letters page of *The Times Literary Supplement*; Joyce's grandson, Stephen Joyce, waded in; and the American publishers Random House set up a committee to examine Kidd's assertions. The committee was inconclusively dissolved, but the 1961 edition was quietly republished to offer an alternative to Gabler's version.

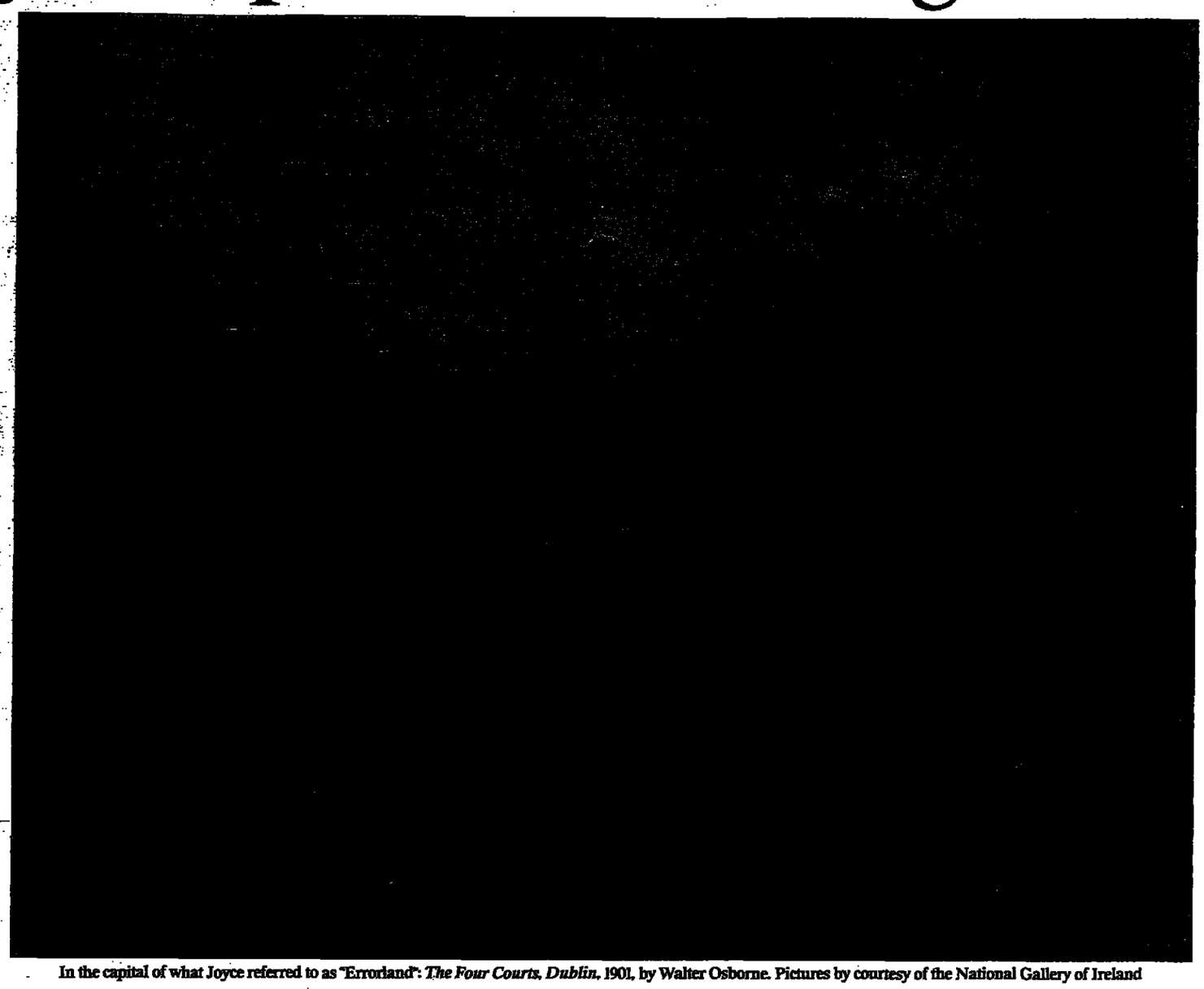
At issue was Gabler's unorthodox technique. Textual corrections usually depend on one "copy text", revised in relation to all other documentary evidence. Gabler argued that there was no one copy text in the case of *Ulysses*. The 1922 edition was too riddled with error. Instead, he collated Joyce's drafts, documents, notes and letters, producing a "synoptic" text with diacritical marks that showed the chronological layers of revision.

Kidd accused Gabler of misunderstanding Joyce's methods of composition; of breaking text-editing rules; of using facsimiles (on which marks or smudges could be mistaken for corrections) instead of originals; of not collating the evidence of all the editions in Joyce's lifetime; and of incomplete research. The most outrageous accusation was that the estate was eager that the new edition should introduce "a significant element of fresh creativity" in order to justify a new copyright on *Ulysses* — and that, despite reservations about the scholarship, Gabler's edition was rushed out to secure the copyright.

Books have been written about this debate, including Bruce Arnold's recent *The Scandal of Ulysses*. Gabler still has his advocates; not all Kidd's mud stuck. After all, there is generally conceded to be no such thing as a "perfect text" of *Ulysses*. And if there were, everyone agrees it would certainly not be the 1922 edition.

So why should the 1922 edition be republished at this point in the debate, apart from the fact that, at £6.99 in paperback, it seems a gift to readers (Happy Bloomsday)? Jeri Johnson argues that it is important as an historical document, that it can be used as the "copy text" for further "corrected" editions — indeed, John Kidd has already been commissioned to produce one — and that even if there are 2,000 errors in it, at least it is Joyce's own version.

And she quotes Philip Gaskell, an adviser on the Gabler edition who believed that "no later edition improved on or even matched the first for accuracy". Later editions, he says, are illustrations of "a classic case of textual deterioration". Come back, French typesetters, *tout est pardonné*.



In the capital of what Joyce referred to as "Errorland": *The Four Courts, Dublin*, 1901, by Walter Osborne. Pictures by courtesy of the National Gallery of Ireland

THEATRE

Set in their ways

Lipstick Dreams
Shaw

JO, JENNY and Jess are hairdressers stagnating in a backwater of New South Wales, giving old ladies blue rinses and getting set in their ways. The Blue Heaven salon is on the verge of bankruptcy and their last hope of attracting custom is — if one believes the plot — winning the karaoke competition at the local Chinese restaurant. The three Js already have some stiff competition: the ultra-camp blond boys from the barbershop opposite whose names all begin with B will be lip-synching to the Beach Boys wearing Speedo swimwear. Worse, the women discover their lead singer has done a runner with Jess's boyfriend. In spite of all this, they keep their hair on and — with the last-minute addition of Jan, a housewife who has had enough — they win the competition.

MARILYN KINGWILL



Heavenly hairdressers: from left, Emily Symons, Jane Anthony Grant and Fiona Spence

Lipstick Dreams is the Australian equivalent of a genre familiar from the Theatre Royal, Stratford East: a sitcom of ordinary working lives depicting characters somewhere between stereotypes and real people, plus a socio-political element that gives it an edge. This female four-hander is about women facing the music, standing up to their men, allowing themselves some sexuality, and bonding on a girls' night out.

Jenny the drip decks her boyfriend Jeff when he tells her if she goes out she will be gone for good. The tarty Jess, already a dab hand at giving men lip, also manages to break free of her demanding father.

With this feisty feminist angle, the play has some punch. Fundamentally, however, it is featherweight and a bit dull-witted, with a predictable plot and visibly structured speeches.

The first half is entertaining enough. Jane Anthony-Grant (Jenny) is slightly too much of a caricature in thick specs and plimsolls, with permanently clenched fists and a concave chest. Still, Emily Symons (Jess) is dynamically comic doing "rude" dancing, chewing gum with a vengeance and shouting at old dears. The second half plummets theatrically. Set backstage in the Chinese restaurant, it is mostly protracted monologues interspersed with great slabs of script that consist of other teams' acts coming over the tannoy. The supposedly climactic finale of the gang of four doing their winning karaoke routine is an embarrassment: out of tune and physically unco-ordinated. Anyway, what kind of a feminist victory is it to get dolled up in makeup and high heels and move your body for the boys?

KATE BASSETT

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Tony Patrick** on a new Channel 4 drama series

America caught at the turn of a tide

THE creators of **I'll Fly Away**, a 22-part series which began with a feature-length episode last night, also brought us *St Elsewhere* and *Northern Exposure*. Their impressively well acted, new (made in 1991) tale is of smalltown life in the Deep South, circa 1958.

The black population is still firmly kept in its place, providing domestic servants and unskilled labour, but not permitted, for example, to drive public service vehicles, as in neighbouring states. In the fictional Bryland, possibly in Georgia, district attorney Forrest Bedford (Sam Waterston) is prosecuting the young, white driver of a bus carrying local blacks when it skidded into a river, drowning three passengers.

Bedford's wife Gwen (Deborah Hedwall) is hospitalised following a breakdown, and Opal, their long-serving black maid, gone to retirement in Chicago. With one child aged seven and two teenagers, Bedford is glad when a young woman recommended by Opal arrives to replace her.

The rich fabric of family life, the affectionate squabbling between siblings, and the fear that the "damaged" mother may not be coming back are beautifully caught by Waterston, Hedwall and the three young actors who play little John Morgan (John Aaron Bennett), precocious Francie (Ashlee Levitch) and the sullen Nathaniel (Jeremy London).

Regina Taylor is equally impressive as Lilly, whose voice provides a narration of sorts. Her initial air of being on the brink of womanhood, self-discovery and liberation, is only slightly altered by the revelation that she is a deserted wife who has a six-year-old daughter of her own.

Some details look anachronistic and opportunistic. How likely is it that the bus driver's defence attorney, in the male supremacist society of the time, would be the glamorous Kristina (Kathryn Harrold)?

The early emphasis is on the family group, with brief cutaways to the doomed bus, the courtroom, church and the school gym, where Nathaniel is on the wrestling squad, coached by a creepy martinet. When the bus driver is acquitted and the local blacks hold a silent protest vigil, in which Lilly takes part, neither the family nor the town can hope to go back to the way things were.

Strongly written, by Joshua Brand and William Falsey, who are not afraid to push all the emotional buttons, *I'll Fly Away* looks like a superior prospect: recent history is brought affectingly to life, and peopled with characters whose lives look full of potential for drama. Brand, who directs, will have upped the stately tempo a little in subsequent episodes. Special mention to W.G. Snuffy Walden for the atmospheric music, and to R. Sammy Favers for his guitar playing.

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Too good to be suppressed

Barry Millington, in Grieg's home town, on works rediscovered during the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth

Composer anniversaries, like competitions, are a necessary evil. Even if the interests of the artists or composers are rarely paramount, some can do well out of them, and they are good for the music industry generally. The 150th anniversary of Grieg's birth (which falls today) has prompted the unearthing of a lot of rarely-heard music, and nowhere has the trumpet been blown louder than in the composer's home town of Bergen. This year was also the 40th anniversary of the Bergen Festival.

The fortnight-long festival in this picturesque, gable-roofed Norwegian harbour city culminates with the inevitable Piano Concerto tonight. But along the way there was much innovative programming, with world premieres including Schnittke's *Hommage à Grieg*.

The festival emphasised how imperfectly appreciated Grieg is. There is considerable irony in the fact that his most enduringly popular work, the Piano Concerto, is an example of the large-scale forms in which he was weakest. Grieg's strength is as a miniaturist: his songs unerringly encapsulate the emotion or scene delineated by the poet, while his piano compositions — not least the various sets of Lyric Pieces — similarly hit the mark with masterly economy.

A leading Norwegian soprano, Marianne Hirsti, gave exquisite accounts of "Margrethe's Lullaby", "Farewell" and other songs, as well as a sympathetic, warm-hearted performance of Seven Songs by a successor of Grieg's, David Monrad Johansen. What brought the television cameras to this event, however, was the world premiere of Grieg's 23 Short Pieces for piano. These pieces, dating from Grieg's 15th year, have been sitting in the Bergen Public Library under the composer's stern embargo — "To be destroyed after my death. Must never be printed."

But this year sees their first publication (in the scholarly Grieg Edition from Peters), first performances and recording. To breach the composer's wishes seems justified in view of the interest of the works, which show where he came from and where he was going.

A series of characteristic mood pieces, they include a Chopinesque dance movement, several with naive, folk-like elements à la Schumann, and a neo-Bachian two-part invention complete with cadential trills. In spite of these influences (unsurprising in a student), the 23 Pieces already evince Grieg's genius for sharply etched cameos: Geir Henning Braaten, whose recording is now available on the Victoria label as part of its own excellent Grieg Edition (a 24-CD set of all the piano works, songs and chamber music), did full justice to the abundant variety of moods and textures.

Far and away Grieg's best song cycle is *Haugtussa*, the story of the mountain girl whose sexuality is awakened by a tall, handsome lad who quickly tires of her, leaving her to find solace in the babbling brook (the poet leaves open the question of her fate). Inexplicably neglected, *Haugtussa* has recently been authoritatively recorded by Anne Sofie von Otter. At the festival it drew from the Norwegian soprano Anne Mari Heimdal her most ardent, engaging singing.

In the slightly earlier group of Op 60 songs on poems by Vilhelm Krag, the almost painfully concentrated feeling of "A bird cried", with its poignantly keening piano accompaniment, was outstanding. Heimdal's pianist, Tove Lonskov, also gave a fluent performance of the E Minor Sonata by the "Danish Mendelssohn", Niels Gade, tapping the work's lyrical vein.

Anne Bolstad, a third Norwegian soprano, like her compatriots displaying an ideally scaled voice for none-too-dramatic Lieder, gave a late-night recital in Grieg's own home at Troldhaugen. A wood-panelled villa, tucked away on the outskirts of Bergen and crammed with manuscripts and memorabilia, Troldhaugen has an atmosphere uniquely conducive to intimate Grieg performances. In addition to two sensitively sung groups of Grieg lieder, Bolstad gave Schumann's *Frauenliebe und -leben*. Audun Kayser's solo Grieg and Schumann keyboard pieces were nicely complementary, even if delivered with somewhat less style.

Red Sox clip Orioles wings

By Robert Kirley

ROGER Clemens and Jeff Russell combined on a six-hitter and Scott Cooper doubled home two runs on Sunday to give the Boston Red Sox baseball team a 4-2 victory over Baltimore that ended the Orioles' ten-game winning streak.

Boston scored four runs on four hits in the first inning off Fernando Valenzuela but did not manage another hit. Clemens, with seven wins and five losses, struck out nine batters over eight innings, helping Boston to halt a seven-game losing streak.

A deal has been reached, pending approval by the major-league club owners, to sell the Orioles to investors from Cincinnati for the highest price paid for a baseball club, more than $141 million. The record price had been $125 million, paid last year by a Japanese-led group for the Seattle Mariners. The Orioles will remain in Baltimore.

Rich Renteria's two-run triple in the seventh inning broke a tie and the Florida Marlins, a first-year club, defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2, completing their first four-game sweep. The victory was Florida's eighth in nine games.

Anthony Young, of the New York Mets, lost his 21st successive decision, 5-3 to the Philadelphia Phillies, despite yielding just three runs over six innings. Young, with no wins and seven losses this season, is approaching the record of 23 successive defeats set by Cliff Curtis, of the Boston Braves, from 1910 to 1911. Young last won on April 19, 1992. The Mets have the worst record in the big leagues.

In a setting evocative of Alfred Hitchcock, thousands of seagulls drawn by hatching moths swarmed Milwaukee County stadium as Kevin Maas, of the New York Yankees, beat the Brewers 5-4 with a two-run home run in the ninth inning.

The Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder, Darryl Strawberry, smashed a water cooler in the San Diego Padres clubhouse on Sunday after he was dropped from the line-up for missing pre-game physiotherapy on his back.

Akabusi and Christie head Rome challenge

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

ETERNAL City, eternal youth. The British men's athletics squad for the European Cup in Rome on June 26 and 27 is packed with athletes still going strong in their thirties. Enough of them to make Linford Christie feel young again as he celebrates his fiftieth international, a record for a British sprinter.

Christie, 33, will have three men his senior around him, Paul Edwards, Eamonn Martin and Kriss Akabusi, plus 32-year-old Bob Weir, nine years absent from international competition before this season. While Weir is a shade fortunate, given that he was beaten by Darrin Morris to the British discus title on Saturday, Akabusi's inclusion is welcome.

Good British management means never taking no for an answer. So Akabusi, at 34 and semi-retired, has been persuaded to run against his wishes, and Christie has been talked into the sprint relay.

Last week, Akabusi, in conversation with Gary Cadogan, asked Britain's new 400 metres hurdles discovery to "get me out of jail", to run under 50 seconds and make the selectors pick him. With a 49.80sec winning run on Sunday in the British championships, Cadogan turned the key but still Akabusi was not released.

Cadogan, it was felt, might mess up under pressure. He brutalises the hurdles and, until his technique is sound, he could not be trusted. Frank Dick, Britain's chief coach, finally convinced Akabusi yesterday that the team dare not rely on talent so raw.

Cadogan, an advertising salesman with the *Kilburn Times*, was not quite good enough at selling himself. "I have got two weeks before the European Cup," he had said on Sunday, not doubting he would be picked. But he took the news well.

"The selectors made their decision based on my inexperience and what Kriss has done in the last three or four years; you can't argue with that," Cadogan said. At least Cadogan will travel with the team to learn from the master.

Steve Smith, the high jump British record-holder, was less impressed with the selectors. Reluctantly, he will jump off for the place with Dalton Grant in Belfast on Saturday. "If they want to select the best man, they should select me," Smith said.

Smith's ignominious failure to clear above 2.05 metres on Sunday opened the door for Grant, whose claim for selection is his British title and two European Cup wins. Dick admonished Smith, who competed off a five stride run-up on Sunday, for not taking the opposition seriously. Smith countered by saying he is phasing in for the world championships. Tom McKean is fortunate to be selected at 800 metres without showing form and David Grindley ousts Roger Black at 400 metres. The unluckiest athlete is Debbie Marti, who should have been the women's team high jumper instead of Jo Jennings. Katharine Merry, 18, is rewarded at 200 metres after beating Sally Gunnell on Sunday.

□ Carl Lewis will bypass the long jump and attempt to make the United States team for the world championships in the 100 and 200 metres starting today in Oregon.

BRITISH TEAM

Men

100 metres: L Christie (Thames Valley). 200 metres: J Regis (Belgrave). 400 metres: D Grindley (Wigan). 800 metres: T McKean (Motherwell). 1,500 metres: C Robb (Liverpool). 5,000 metres: R Denmark (Basildon). 10,000 metres: E Martin (Basildon). 3,000 metres steeplechase: T Buckner (Havant). 110 metres hurdles: C Jackson (Brecon). 400 metres hurdles: K Akabusi (Team Solent). High jump: A N Other. Long jump: F Salle (Belgrave). Triple jump: J Edwards (Gateshead). Pole vault: N Winter (Shaftesbury). Shot: P Edwards (Belgrave). Discus: R Weir (Birchfield). Hammer: P Head (Newham). Javelin: M Hill (Leeds). 4 x 100 metres relay (from): Christie, Regis, J John (Newham), T Jarrett (Haringey), D Campbell (Sale). 4 x 400 metres relay (from): Akabusi, Grindley, Regis, D Ladejo (Belgrave), M Richardson (Windsor), R Black (Team Solent), D McKenzie (Shaftesbury).

Women

100 metres: B Kinch (Hounslow). 200 metres: K Merry (Birchfield). 400 metres: P Smith (Wigan). 800 metres: D Modahl (Sale). 1,500 metres: A Wyeth (Parkside). 3,000 metres: Y Murray (Motherwell). 10,000 metres: L McColgan (Dundee). 100 metres hurdles: J Agyepong (Shaftesbury). 400 metres hurdles: S Gunnell (Essex). High jump: J Jennings (Essex). Long jump: F May (Derby). Triple jump: M Griffith (Windsor). Shot: M Augee (Bromley). Discus: J McKernan (Lisburn). Javelin: S Gibson (Notts). 4 x 100 metres relay (from): Kinch, Merry, M Richardson (Windsor), P Thomas (Trafford), G McLeod (Birchfield), A N Other. 4 x 400 metres relay (from): Smith, Modahl, L Keough (Basingstoke), J Stoute (Essex), L Hanson (Birchfield).

Singh in full swing

John Hopkins, golf correspondent, hails the successful arrival of Vijay Singh on the United States tour

VIJAY Singh was on the practice ground at the Baltusrol golf club yesterday morning and a knot of golf fans were standing watching as he launched ball after ball into the clear blue New Jersey sky. His swing was long and languid and after each shot a divot the size of a man's hands flew through the air. "That guy Vijay did all right yesterday," one spectator said. "He took home 180 grand."

It was indeed a good pay day for Singh, who won the Buick Classic on Sunday evening and with it $180,000 (about £112,000). And it was another good day for European golf. The Fijian, who is 30, is the latest golfer to move from the European tour and find success in the States. Once it was the men. Tony Jacklin started it, Severiano Ballesteros and Nick Faldo carried it on. Now it is the women as well.

Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, set the ball rolling with victory in the Dinah Shore event in March, the first major title on the women's tour. Then Trish Johnson racked up successive victories early in April to lead the American money-list, and Laura Davies won the MacDonald's Classic in May. In between, Bernhard Langer claimed the US Masters at Augusta for the second time, and then came Singh's victory after a three-hole play-off against Mark Wiebe.

"I'll tell you what," Nick Faldo said, "the US customs and immigration people are going to stop us Europeans from coming over here."

Singh's first victory on the US tour came earlier than might have been expected. He had played only ten events in America before the Buick Classic, but such was his reputation as a striker of the ball that it was only a matter of time before he won. "He's a helluva player," Jim Thorpe, the US tour player, said. "I first saw him about ten years ago and it was clear he was going to be someone special. He is young, has great determination to succeed and he works hard. That's what it takes to win over here."

Singh made the cut in all four events he entered in the US last year and in all seven this year. He was second in the Nestlé Invitational at Bay Hill, seventh at New Orleans and, all in all, did enough to be one of 11 foreign players to receive special invitations from the United States Golf Association for this week's US Open.

When he arrived at Baltusrol, the distinguished club near Newark, he was, he discovered, a celebrity. Representatives of club manufacturers came to him on the practice ground bearing clubs for him to try out. He selected four woods and hit balls with each one.

Singh's fellow professionals stopped their routines to congratulate him. His caddie stood behind him to make sure he was keeping the club head on line at the top of the backswing. Also watching was a teaching professional and several other club representatives. In short, Singh was the player everyone wanted to see.

When he played regularly in Europe, Singh was known as the hardest worker on tour. At St Mellion, during the Benson and Hedges International Open, his appearance on the practice ground led Rick Hartmann to shout: "Go home and give the rest of us a chance, VJ." When Singh engages caddies, he says to them: "I work hard. I open practice grounds and sometimes I close them. You had better get used to that."

Singh held a two-stroke lead after 14 holes of the last round in the Buick. He bogeyed the 17th and nervously chipped over the green at the 18th. A second bogey looked on the cards when his chip back ran 15 feet past the hole. But he holed the putt.

"It was a very satisfactory win," Singh said. "It is everybody's dream to win in the US and now I have done it. Coming here from Europe, I thought it would be very difficult to win. I think this came a little bit early."

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 280: V Singh (Fiji), 72, 68, 74, 66; M Wiebe, 72, 75, 67, 66 (Singh won on the third hole of sudden death play-off). 281: D Frost (SA), 70, 72, 73, 66; L Janzen, 69, 72, 68, 72. 282: M Smith, 72, 73, 69, 68; T Lehman, 74, 69, 70, 69. 283: C Beck, 71, 72, 74, 66; P Stewart, 74, 72, 68, 69; B Glider, 72, 72, 69, 70. 284: T Kite, 68, 71, 75, 70; F Funk, 69, 75, 71, 69; D Waldorf, 69, 70, 70, 75. British score: 292: C Montgomerie, 76, 71, 72, 73.



Satisfaction: Singh smiles after Buick Classic win

Seeking better deal for coaches

By Craig Lord

THE aim of Sarah Hardcastle's return to swimming last year after a seven-year break was to make a final at the European championships, at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, in August, eight years after finishing second in Europe at 800 metres freestyle.

Hardcastle's efforts at the ASA Mycil national championships, which ended at the same venue on Sunday, earned her a place in the British team for the European championships at 400 and 800 metres. Although her chances of a medal have greatly improved, Hardcastle, 23, is less than satisfied.

Her times last week were "OK, I suppose". Mike Higgs, her coach, describes her as a competitive animal for whom only the best will do. That includes having her coach on the poolside at the big event.

Higgs, one of the most successful coaches in Britain, might yet be there, despite not having sat his coach's exam, an essential qualification for inclusion on national teams.

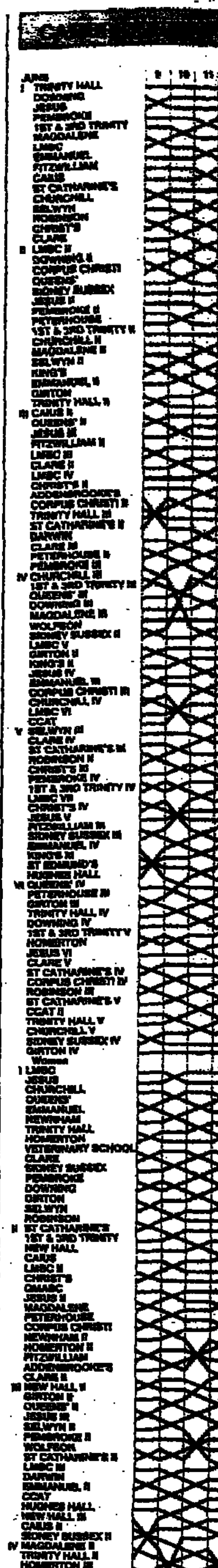
Paul Bush, director of swimming for England, said that "every endeavour will be made to make sure coaches are given some form of accreditation" to gain access to their swimmers.

Among the first 13 selections is Nick Gillingham, 26, of Birmingham, the No 1 at 100 and 200 metres breaststroke in the world this year, who will defend his 200 metres title.

No British swimmer has qualified for butterfly events as yet, and selectors are adamant that they will not ease their policy of swimmers having to swim faster than the twelfth European to finish at the Olympic Games last summer. The test of that will come in the relay selections, to be announced with the full team after the Scottish and Welsh national championships on July 7.

Graeme Smith will not compete in the 1,500 metres freestyle in Sheffield because he has chosen to rest after the European junior championships in Istanbul next month.

PRIMARY GB TEAM SELECTION: Men: M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall, London), N Gillingham (City of Birmingham); M Harris (Borough of Waltham Forest); P Palmer (City of Lincoln Pentaqua); G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea); A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham); F Walker (Warrender, Edinburgh). Women: L Findlay (Kelly College); S Hardcastle (Borough of Southend); M Hardiman (City of Birmingham); J King (Tigersharks, Swindon); K Osher (Barnet Copthall); K Pickering (Ipswich). Team staff: Performance director: D Haller. Coaches: D Campbell; T Denison. Assistant coaches: K Bewley; D Champion; K Swanwick; I Turner.



FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

JENA, Germany: International meeting: Winners: Men: 100m: F Fredericks (Nam), 10.37sec. 110m hurdles: M McKoy (Can), 13.38. 200m: R Kurnicki (Ger), 20.59. 400m: A Mahorn (Can), 45.88. 400m hurdles: W Graham (Jam), 48.75. 800m: W Kipketer (Den), 1min 45.71sec. 1,500m: M Suleiman (Qatar), 3:35.85. 3,000m steeplechase: G Chirchir (Ken), 8:19.34. Discus: L Riedel (Ger), 68.42m (world best this season). Women: 100m: M Ottey (Jam), 11.09sec (world best this season). 100m hurdles: J Graudyn (Rus), 12.85. 400m: S Richards (Jam), 51.42. 800m: L Vriesde (Surinam), 2min 00.70sec. 1,500m: K Ortnaber (Switz), 4.12.06. Long jump: H Drechsler (Ger), 7.14m (world best this season). Javelin: N Schikolenko (Russ), 65.68m (world best this season).

CRYSTAL PALACE: Pearl British championships: Finals: Sunday: Men: 200m: 1, J Regis (Belgrave), 20.21sec; 2, D Campbell (Sale), 20.69; 3, J John (Newham), 20.74. 400m: 1, D Ladejo (Belgrave), 46.14; 2, K Akabusi (Team Solent), 46.35; 3, D McKenzie (Shaftesbury Barnet), 46.62. 800m: 1, M Steele (Longwood), 1min 46.34sec; 2, D Sharpe (Jarrow), 1:47.12; 3, P Walker (Liverpool), 1:47.53. 1,500m: 1, C Robb (Liverpool), 3:39.58; 2, S Fairbrother (Haringey), 3:39.64; 3, G Lough (Annadale), 3:41.10. 3,000m: 1, S Barden (GEC), 8:01.86; 2, R Findlow (Bradford), 8:03.38; 3, A Lyons (Hull), 8:05.77. 5,000m: 1, J Brown (Sheffield), 13:39.68; 2, S Cram (Jarrow), 13:48.20; 3, E Martin (Basildon), 13:50.90. 400m hurdles: 1, G Cadogan (Haringey), 49.80sec; 2, P Crampton (Spenborough), 50.62; 3, L Lynch (Haringey), 50.98. High jump: 1, D Grant (Haringey), 2.25m; 2, B Reilly (Corby), 2.25; 3, G Parsons (Blue Circle), 2.20. Javelin: 1, M Hill (Leeds), 86.94; 2, C MacKenzie (Newham), 76.86; 3, M Roberson (Haringey), 75.50. Shot: 1, P Edwards (Belgrave), 19.06; 2, M Simson (Thurrock), 17.93; 3, D Callaway (Haringey), 17.30. Women: 400m: 1, P Smith (Wigan), 51.70sec; 2, D Modahl (Sale), 53.38; 3, S Leigh (Stevenage), 53.84. 800m: 1, K Holmes (Middlesex), 2min 00.86sec; 2, L Keough (Basingstoke), 2:02.32; 3, J Latimer (Sale), 2:03.65. 1,500m: 1, J Spark (Altrincham), 4:14.66; 2, D Gunning (Swindon), 4:15.29; 3, M Faherty (Syrac), 4:15.89. 3,000m: 1, Y Murray (Motherwell), 8:52.28; 2, A Wyeth (Parkside), 8:56.87; 3, S McGeorge (Bristol), 9:01.85. 400m hurdles: 1, G Retchakan (Thurrock), 56.62sec; 2, J Parker (Essex), 57.14; 3, J Low (City of Glasgow), 59.28. Long jump: 1, F May (Derby), 6.67m; 2, Y Idowu (Essex), 6.62; 3, J Kelly (Bromley), 6.09. Javelin: 1, S Gibson (Notts), 56.90; 2, A Liverton (Exeter), 56.48; 3, K Morrison (Medway), 53.84. Pole vault: 1, K Staples (Essex), 3.40; 2, R Clarke (Ipswich), 3.00; 3, L Stanton (Rotherham), 2.90. Triple jump: 1, M Griffith (Windsor), 13.72 (Commonwealth record); 2, R Kirby (Hounslow), 13.36; 3, E Finikin (Shaftesbury Barnet), 13.31.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 4, Baltimore Orioles 2; Toronto Blue Jays 13, Detroit Tigers 4; Oakland A's 7, Minnesota Twins 6; Kansas City Royals 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Seattle Mariners 12, California Angels 7, New York Yankees 9, Milwaukee Brewers 5; Texas Rangers 5, Cleveland Indians 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 9, Cincinnati Reds 2; Philadelphia Phillies 5, New York Mets 3; Montreal Expos 3, St Louis Cardinals 1; Colorado Rockies 9, Houston Astros 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, San Diego Padres 1; San Francisco Giants 5, Chicago Cubs 3; Florida Marlins 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Championship series: Chicago Bulls 121, Phoenix Suns 129 (triple over-time, Chicago Bulls lead best-of-seven series 2-1).
PERUGIA, Italy: Women's European championship: Final: Spain 63, France 53. Third place play-off: Slovakia 68, Italy 67. Fifth place play-off: Poland 77, Bulgaria 72. Seventh place play-off: Russia 103, Hungary 83.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Carlisle: Cumberland 175-8 dec; Lincolnshire 210-2 dec (R Evans 101 not out). Sherborne School: Dorset 202-3 (G D Reynolds 81 not out, A Willows 58 not out) and 33-1; Wales 129. Oxford: Oxfordshire 160 (S N V Waterton 57; P J Lewington 6-42) and 5-1; Berkshire 164-3 dec (J Hodgson 61 not out). St Albans: Hertfordshire 159-6 dec (A Needham 55 not out); Northumberland 175-8 dec (D Sumdge 5-37). No play yesterday, match abandoned. Oxford: Oxfordshire 160 and 5-1; Berkshire 164-3 dec. Match drawn. Henlow: Suffolk 164-7 dec (P D Thomas 5-55). Bedfordshire 186-8 dec (P D B Hoare 50). Match drawn
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Southgate: MCC YCs v Sussex, match abandoned. Maidstone: Kent v Surrey, match abandoned.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bishop's Stortford College 174-4 dec, Framlingham 163-7; Caterham 133, Trinity, Croydon 137-3 (D Dyer 105 not out); Charterhouse 210-4 dec, RGS Guildford 16-1 (abandoned); Chatham House 144, Dover 146-7; Chigwell 162-9 dec, Westminster 73-4 (abandoned); City of London Freemen's 127-7 dec, Glyn 68-7; Dulwich 133, Haileybury 131-8; Hampton 208-6 dec, Tiffin 140-7; John Fisher 89, Wallington 79; John Lyon 155-5 dec, Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 3-1 (abandoned); King Edward's, Lytham 87, Arnold 88-6; Latymer Upper 80, Enfield 57; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 75, Felsted 76-4; Monkton Combe 233-3 dec (C Teamby 103, J St John 100), Colston's 205-6; Monmouth 202-7 dec, King's, Taunton 128-7; Mount St Mary's 148-5, Newcastle-under-Lyme 144-7; Queen's, Taunton 47, Exeter 48-3; Reigate 122, Ardingly 123-6; Repton 69, Cheltenham 71-1; St Dunstan's 98, Bancroft 102-8; St Lawrence, Ramsgate 213-4 dec, King's, Rochester 189; St Peter's, York 221-7 dec, Durham 221-8, Surrey Young Cricketers 209-3 dec (N Robinson 118). KCS Wimbledon 170-7.
BEACHCROFT STANLEYS CRICKETER CUP: First round: Haileybury Hermits 221-8, St Edwards Martyrs 153.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: 21st stage (174km, Biella to Milan): 1, F Baldato (It), 3hr 58min 37sec; 2, E Leoni (It); 3, M Manzoni (It); 4, A Baffi (It); 5, S Aljocchio (It); 6, E Magnien (Fr), all same time. Final overall standings: 1, M Induráin (Sp), 98hr 09min 44sec; 2, P Ugromov (Lat), at 58sec; 3, C Chiappucci (It), at 5min 27sec; 4, M Lelli (It), at 6.09; 5, P Tonkov (Russ), at 7:11; 6, M Argentin (It), at 9.12. Other: 9, S Roche (Ire), at 13:31.
TOUR OF LUXEMBOURG: Fourth stage: 1, M Den Bakker (Holl), 4hr 55min 39sec; 2, A Ferrigato (It), at 40sec; 3, D Nelissen (Holl); 4, J Museeuw (Bel); 5, M Sciandri (It); 6, P Farazijn (Bel), all same time. Final overall standings: 1, Sciandri, 18hr 51min 58sec; 2, Den Bakker, at 10sec; 3, Museeuw, at 45; 4, Nelissen, at 49.
TIME-TRIALS: RTTC women's national 25-mile championship (Andover): 1, S Phillips (Deeside Thistle), 57min 16sec; 2, M Purvis (Manx Viking Wheelers), 57:48; 3, M Johnson (Oundle Velo), 59:13. Team: Askam CC, 3:05:20. Winners: Teesside 100: P Wildsmith (Barnesbury CC), 4:02:48. Team: Stockton Wheelers 12:44:53. Aberdeen and District 100: J Nagey (Lomond RCC), 4:19.57. Team: GS Corsa 13:29:00. Cumbria 50: G Butler (RT Italia), 1:48:47. Team: Border City Wheelers 6:01:49. Yorkshire 50: L Holmes (Leeds St Christophers), 1:52:08. Team: Goole Vermuyden CC, 6:08:57. Clevedon and District 50: A Griffiths (GS Vitesse), 1:53:34. Team: Dursley RC 6:35:18. Manchester 50: S Walton (Manchester Wheelers), 1:56:03. Team: Stockport Clarion, 6:23:22. Bynea 50: A Dow (Pembrokeshire Velo), 1:59:12. Team: Port Talbot Wheelers, 6:10:25. Ayr and Dumfries 25: D Hannah (Denny RC), 53:51. Team: Denny RC, 2:50:14. Whitewebbs 25: I Cammish (Cyman-Maxim), 54:23. Team: Whitewebbs CC, 2:53:58. Birchfield 25: A Rowley (GS Vitesse), 54:54. Team: Walsall RCC, 2:56:58. Crest (25m): K Neary (Southend and County Wheelers), 55:05. Team: Southend and County, 3:01:47. Scunthorpe 25: G Empson (Aero BC), 55:14. Team: Axholme Wheelers, 2:59:25. Meersbrook 25: S Hunt (VC Slough), 55:22. Chester 25: M Middleton (Cleveleys RC), 55:51. Team: Crewe Clarion Wheelers, 2:56:08. Dundee and District 25: V Gorman (RAF CC), 57:30. Team: RAF CC, 3:03:24. Hull Thursday 25: J Wainman (Hull Thursday), 58:09. Team: Hull Thursday, 2:58:32. Tyne 25: C Isats (Berwick Wheelers), 59:12.
ROAD RACES: Melbourne grand prix (Derby, 108m): 1, W Randle (Nelson-Tivoli), 4hr 21min 26sec; 2, J Clay (Team Orange), at 32sec; 3, N Martin (Dinnington RC), at 1min 09sec. Midland (Warwickshire, 85m): M Norman (Team Sabre), 3:20:25. Tour of Mid-Wales (Aberystwyth, 80m): M Jones (Paramount CRT), 2:56:00. Chequers (Dorset, 83m): J Jones (JPM Racing), 2:35:13.

EQUESTRIANISM

RENNES: Grand prix special: 1, Arun Tor (F Elberg, GB), 1,324pts; 2, Fashion (S Lebek, Ger), 1,322; 3, Akazie (D Brieussel, Fr), 1,310.
ST GALLEN, Switzerland: Nations' Cup: 1, France, 4 faults; 2, Spain, 4 (France won after jump-off); 3, Great Britain, 4.5 flts (N Skelton (Dollar Girl), 4-4; M Whitaker (Two Step), 0.5-0; D Broome (Lannegan), 0-0, J Whitaker (Gammon), 0-4); 4, Switzerland, 8; 5, Holland, 13; 6, Belgium, 20.

FOOTBALL

AFRICAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Second round: Second leg: Sunrise (Mauritius) 1, Nkana Red Devils (Zam) 1 (1-1 on agg, Nkana Red Devils qualify on away goals).
US CUP: Brazil 1, England 1 (in Washington); United States 3, Germany 4 (in Chicago).
BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: Rio de Janeiro championship: Final: Second leg: Fluminense 2, Vasco da Gama 1.
TOULON: International Under-21 tournament: Semi-finals: France 3, Portugal 0; England 1 (Summerbee 45min), Scotland 0.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Sociedad 3, Tenerife 1; Osasuna 0, Barcelona 1; Sevilla 1, Real Burgos 1; Celta Vigo 0, Sporting Gijón 0; Rayo Vallecano 2, Albacete 2; Real Oviedo 3, Deportivo La Coruña 3; Cádiz 0, Valencia 2; Español 0, Logroñés 1; Real Zaragoza 0, Athletic Bilbao 3; Real Madrid 1, Atlético Madrid 0. Leading positions (after 37 matches): 1, Real Madrid, 57; 2, Barcelona, 56; 3, Deportivo La Coruña, 53.
WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: Asian zone: Group A (in Chengdu, China): Iraq 4, Jordan 0; Yemen 3, Pakistan 0.

GLIDING

BORLANGE, Sweden: World championships: First day: Open (347.8km): 1, G Ax (Swe), Asw22bl, 123.9kph, 923 pts; 2, B Guraly (Hun), Nimbus 3, 123.54, 917; 3, P Bourgeard (Bel), N3, 119.87, 863; 4, M Giles (Aus), In 3, 118.82, 847; 5, E Mozer (US), Nimbus 4, 118.1, 836; 6, I Renner (Aus), Asw22bl, 117.31, 825. British: 22, B Spreckley, ASH 25, 112.18, 748. 15 metre (332.8km): 1, D Jansen (Aus), Ls6b, 114.23kph, 965pts; 2, T Hgnender (Swe), Ls6C, 112.75, 943; 3, R Hall (US), Ventus B, 112.58, 941; 4, A Pettersson (Swe), Ls6, 112.24, 936; 5, F Kepka (Pol), SZD56, 111, 817; 6, D Jacobs (US), Ls6c, 110.83, 916. British: 16, J Willis (LS6), 108.24, 876; 23, M Wells (Ls6c), 106.86, 856. S Standard (287.8km): 1, L Brigliadori (It), Discus, 112.32kph, 825pts; 2, E Borgmann (Holl), Discus B, 110.08, 797; 3, J-C Lopitaux (Fr), Crystal, 108.23, 774; 4, J Som (Fin), Ls7, 105.63, 741; 5, S Verneer (Holl), Discus B, 105.2, 735; 6, A Teimioja (Fin), Discus A, 104.79, 730. British: 9, A Davis (Discus B), 104.13, 722; 25, C Rollings (Szd55), 94.96, 609; 33, D Watt (ASW 24), 91.84, 567.

GOLF

BETHESDA: Women's tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 275: P Sheehan, 68, 68, 70, 69. 276: L Merten, 73, 70, 66, 67. 277: B Bunkowsky, 68, 70, 69, 70. 279: E King, 72, 66, 72, 69; M McGann, 73, 68, 68, 70; T Green, 71, 69, 69, 70; P Rizzo, 72, 69, 67, 71. 280: N Scranton, 74, 66, 72, 68; P Johnson (GB), 68, 73, 69, 70; C Johnston-Forbes, 66, 68, 70, 74. Other British: 282: P Wright, 68, 72, 72, 70. 287: S Strudwick, 73, 71, 73, 70; L Davies, 72, 69, 71, 75. 290: C Pierce, 72, 71, 71, 76.
SLALEY HALL: Northern Electric seniors tournament: Leading final scores (GB unless stated): 107: B Huggett, 73, 34. 108: B Waites, 74, 34; T Horton, 73, 35. 109: D Jimenez (US), 72, 37. 110: R Botts (US), 74, 36; H Muscroft, 72, 38. 111: M Murphy (Ire), 74, 37.

GYMNASTICS

LIVERPOOL: National women's team trophy: 1, Coalville GC, 131.50pts; 2, East London, 130.65; 3, Liverpool, 129.7. Individual: 1, G Cuff (Coalville), 35.625; 2, S Simcock (Liverpool), 34.35; 3, K Shaw (Bigwood), 33.975.

MOTORCYCLING

HOCKENHEIM: German grands prix: 500cc (122.27km): 1, D Beattie (Aus), Honda, 36min 5.475sec; 2, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 36:05.559; 3, S Itoh (Japan), Honda, 36:06.012; 4, A Criville (Sp), Honda, 36:11.412; 5, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 36:33.530; 6, D Chandler (US), Cagiva, 36:53.825. World championship standings (after six races): 1, Schwantz, 131pts; 2, Rainey, 117; 3, Beattie, 93; 4, Criville, 61; 5, Itoh, 58; 6, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, 55. 250cc (108.68km): 1, D Romboni (It), Honda, 33min 53.778sec; 2, L Capirossi (It), Honda, 33:53.866; 3, H Bradl (Ger), Honda, 33:54.160; 4, M Biaggi (It), Honda, 33:56.122; 5, L Reggiani (It), Aprilia, 33:56.187; 6, T Harada (Japan), Yamaha, 33:56.313. World championship standings (after six races): 1, Harada, 115pts; 2, Romboni, 93; 3, Biaggi, 71; 4, Capirossi, 68; 5, Bradl, 68; 6, J Kocinski (US), Suzuki, 62. 125cc (101.88km): 1, D Raudies (Ger), Honda, 34:45.987; 2, K Sakata (Japan), Honda, 34:54.794; 3, T Tsujimura (Japan), Honda, 34:54.930; 4, A Saito (Japan), Honda, 34:55.147; 5, R Waldmann (Ger), Aprilia, 34:55.156; 6, E Gianola (It), Honda, 34:55.821. World championship standings (after six races): 1, Sakata, 125pts; 2, Raudies, 116; 3, Tsujimura, 96; 4, Waldmann, 59; 5, N Ueda (Japan), Honda, 48; 6, H Torontegui (Sp), Aprilia, 47. Sidecar (101.88km): 1, R Biland and K Waltisperg (Switz), LCR-Krauser, 32:30.763; 2, S Abbott and J Tailford (GB), Windle-Krauser, 32:55.247; 3, P Guedel and C Guedel (Switz), LCR-Krauser, 32:55.752. World championship standings (after two races): 1, Biland and Waltisperg, 45; 2, Abbott and Tailford, 30; 3, S Webster and G Simmons (GB), LCR-ADM, 27.

MOTOR RACING

MONTREAL: Canadian grand prix: 1, A Prost (Fr), Williams-Renault, 1hr 36min 41.822sec (avg speed 189.667kph); 2, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton-Ford, 14.527sec behind; 3, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault, 52.685; one lap behind: 4, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari; 5, M Brundle (GB), Ligier-Renault; 6, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber; 7, J J Lehto (Fin) Sauber; 8, E Comas (Fr), Larrousse-Lamborghini; two laps behind: 9, C Fittipaldi (Br), Minardi-Ford; 10, J Herbert (GB), Lotus-Ford; 11, A Zanardi (It), Lotus-Ford; 12, T Boutsen (Bel), Jordan-Hart; three laps: 13, A Suzuki (Japan), Footwork Mugen-Honda; 14, M Andretti (US), Marlboro McLaren-Ford; four laps: 15, L Badoer (It), Lola BMS-Ferrari; 16, D Warwick (GB), Footwork Mugen-Honda; five laps: 17, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell-Yamaha; seven laps: 18, A Senna (Br), Marlboro McLaren-Ford. Other British: 23, M Blundell, Ligier-Renault, 13 laps (did not finish). World drivers' championship (after seven rounds): 1, Prost, 47pts; 2, Senna, 42; 3, Hill, 22; 4, Schumacher, 20; 5, Brundle, 7; equal 6, M Blundell (GB) and J Herbert (GB), 6; equal 8, J J Lehto (Fin), R Patrese (It), C Fittipaldi (Br) and G Berger (Austria), 5; 12, J Alesi (Fr), 4; equal 13, P Alliot (Fr), F Barbazza (It) and M Andretti (US), 2; equal 16, A Zanardi (It) and K Wendlinger (Austria), 1. Constructors' championship: 1, Williams, 69pts; 2, McLaren, 44; 3, Benetton, 25; 4, Ligier, 13; 5, Ferrari, 9; equal 6, Lotus and Minardi, 7; 8, Sauber, 6; 9, Larrousse, 2.
BRANDS HATCH: Auto Trader RAC British touring car championship: Sixth race: 1, J Winkelhock (BMW), 24min 25.73sec, 88.88mph; 2, K Odor (Nissan), 24:27.32; 3, W Hoy (Toyota), 24:33.39. Seventh race: 1, S Soper (BMW), 24min 27.49sec, 88.57mph; 2, K Odor (Nissan), 24:30.62; 3, J Allam (Vauxhall), 24:34.36. Overall standings: 1, Soper, 89; 2, Winkelhock, 86; 3, Allam, 52; 4, J Cleland (Vauxhall), 49; 5, Odor, 38; 6, Bailey, 33.

MOTOR RALLYING

SEVERN VALLEY STAGES: 1, M Grierson (Metro 6R4), 1hr 19min 31secs; 2, S Finley (Sierra Cosworth), 1:21:55; 3, D Watson-Clark (Escort Cosworth), 1:22:11. Gulf Oil RAC hill climb (Harewood, Yorkshire): 1, D Grace (Pilbeam), 53min 94sec; 2, R Lane (Pilbeam), 54:56; 3, M Colton (Roman), 54:83.

POWERBOATING

NEWHAVEN: United Kingdom Offshore Boating Association championship, second round: Class Two: Assegai IV (D and C Allenby), 62.11 knots. 4-litre: V C Systems (A Butters and C Andrews), 54.12. 2-litre: City Offshore (P Little and D Arthur), 56.37. 1.3-litre: Commodore Ferries (R Smith and A Billman), 42.46.

RIFLE SHOOTING

CARNOUSTIE: Scottish Open meeting: Scottish championship: 1, A Spears (Newcastle), 292.30; 2, R Grisenthwaite (N London RC), 288.30; 3, D Taylor (Altcar), 285.29. Grand Aggregate: 1, M Baillie-Hamilton (Blair Atholl), 389.35 (on countback); 2, Taylor, 389.35; 3, Grisenthwaite, 387.40. Caledonian Shield: 1, A Clarke (ATRC), 216.21; 2, Grisenthwaite, 214.24; 3, I Brechin, 214.20. Lawrence Trophy: 1, Scotland, 1,714.194; 2, England, 1,713.186.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: St George 20, Western Suburbs 8; Eastern Suburbs 22, Brisbane Broncos 26; Cronulla-Sutherland 20, North Sydney 8; Manly-Warringah 22, Balmain 18; Parramatta 6, Illawarra Steelers 34; Canterbury-Bankstown 30, Newcastle Knights 0; Canberra Raiders 41, South Sydney 10; Gold Coast Seagulls 18, Penrith 30. Leading positions (after 11 matches): 1, Canterbury, 18pts; 2, St George, 18; 3, North Sydney, 17.

SPEEDWAY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Coventry: Overseas final (qualifiers for semi-finals at Lonigo, Italy, on July 24 and Vetlanda, Sweden, on August 8): 1, M Dugard (Eng, Eastbourne), 13; 2, J Screen (Eng, Belle Vue), 10 after a run-off; 3, R Correy (US, Wolverhampton); equal 4, S Ermolenko (US, Wolverhampton), G Hancock (US, Cradley Heath), B Hamill (US, Cradley Heath) and C Louis (Eng, Ipswich), 9; equal 8, L Adams (Aus, Arena Essex) and G Havelock (Eng, Bradford), 7.

SQUASH

ILKESTON: SRA national club championship: Finals: Men: Minories Durham 5, Colets Thames Ditton 0 (B Beeson bt A Thomson, 9-3, 10-8, 9-7; J Dale bt G Soames, 9-0, 9-6, 9-0; D Lumsden bt R Hunt, 9-0, 9-4, 9-7; N Johnson bt B Pilgrim, 9-2, 9-1, 9-7; A Oliver bt R Lloyd, 9-2, 9-2, 9-0). Women: Pinnacle Richmond Town 4, Edgbaston Priory 1 (S Macfie bt R Poole, 9-6, 9-10, 9-3, 9-6; C Mett bt P Hoppe, 9-3, 9-2, 5-9, 9-3; H Macfie bt B Thompson, 9-3, 9-6, 9-3; I Twaddle bt A Gatherer, 3-9, 9-5, 6-9, 9-3, 9-0; P Burgess lost to S Farrow, 5-9, 4-9, 5-9).

TABLE TENNIS

HONG KONG: World All Stars tournament: Final: A Grubba (Pol) bt Wang Tao (China), 21-16, 15-21, 21-10, 21-14.

TENNIS

GENOA, Italy: Men's tournament: First round: A Corretja (Sp) bt A Berasategui (Sp), 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt R Azar (Arg), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; H Skoff (Austria) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-3, 6-4; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt E Alvarez (Sp), 6-4, 6-1.
HALLE, Germany: Men's tournament: First round: B Karbacher (Ger) bt M Chang (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; K Braasch (Ger) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 6-3, 7-5; M Ondruska (SA) bt R Nicklisch (Ger), 6-0, 6-2; J Svensson (Swe) bt S Groen (Holl), 7-6, 6-0; M Goellner (Ger) bt R Matuszewski (US), 6-3, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) bt K Carlsen (Den), 7-6, 6-4.

YACHTING

HAYLING ISLAND: Euro-Olympic regatta (GB unless stated): Overall: Europe: 1, Shirley Robertson; 2, J Singleton; 3, L Gehrken (Nor). Laser: 1, S Cole; 2, G Kelly; 3, A Davis. 470 class: 1, J Merricks and A Rice; 2, A Richards and I Patic; 3, D Edwards and R Venning. Mistral: Men: 1, A McIntosh (NZ); 2, W Tak Sum (HK); 3, T Robinson. Women: 1, L Lai Shan (HK); 2, N Sturgess (Aus); 3, C Lapworth. Laser 5000: 1, P Brotherton and D Parker; 2, D Clark and H Calder; 3, J Burnie and D McNamara.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday June 19

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
X Bentleigh v Box Hill
2 Doveton v Waverley
2 Moorooib'k v E Brunsw'k
2 Nunawading v Clarinda
2 Sandringham v Chelsea
1 S Caulfield v Sunbury
1 Springvale U v Clifton Hill

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
X Eltham v Melbourne
X Pascoe Vale v Keilor
1 Regent v S Werribee
2 Seaford v Lalor Utd

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
2 Boronia v Rosanna
1 Coburg v Geelong
2 Cranbourne v S Sprgvale
1 Langwarrin v Karingal
X Mornington v Yarraville
1 SH Polonia v Brighton

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
2 Heidelberg v S Wantima
2 Lalor v Frankston Utd
1 Melton v Forest Hill
X Springvale C v E Geelong
1 Westvale v Berwick
X Williamstown v Ballarat
2 Yallourn v Brandon Pk

VICTORIA SIXTH DIVISION
X Knox Park v Keysboro
2 Lyndale v Hoppers
1 Monbulk v Hampton Pk
1 N Sunshine v Glenroy
1 Old Scotch v E Richmond
1 Wantima v Brunswick C

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
X Inglewood v Kelmscott
1 N Perth v Bayswater
X Osborne Pk v Fremantle
1 Perth Ital v Athena
1 Sorrento v Bassendean
X Spearwood v Kingsway

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Armadale Pk v Wanneroo
2 Ashfield v Swan IC
X Balga v Swan Crac
1 Dianella v Stirling T
1 Gosnells v Queens Pk
1 Melville v S Vardar
1 Morley v North Lake

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
2 Adelaide C v Para Hills
1 Enfield v Croydon
1 Modbury v WT Birkalla
1 Olympians v Woodville
2 Salisbury v Blue Eagles

QUEENSLAND FOURTH DIVISION
2 Oxley v North Pine
1 Pine Hills v Moggill
1 Samford v Ipswich
1 Virginia v Clairvaux

TASMANIA NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE
X Croatia v Olympic
2 Georgetown v Burnie
2 Somerset v Launceston

TASMANIA SOUTH FIRST DIVISION
2 Dosa v University
1 Howrah v S Hobart
1 Kingborough v Rapid

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bentleigh, Eltham, Pascoe Vale, Mornington, Springvale City, Williamstown, Knox Park, Inglewood, Osborne Park, Spearwood, Balga, Croatia.

BEST DRAWS: Bentleigh, Mornington, Inglewood, Spearwood, Balga.

AWAYS: Waverley, East Brunswick, Clarinda, Chelsea, Rosanna, South Wantima, Hoppers, Swan IC.

HOMES: South Caulfield, Melton, Westvale, Monbulk, Old Scotch, Sorrento, Gosnells, Melville, Modbury, Samford, Virginia, Kingborough.

□ Vince Wright

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

University match

Final day of three

11.0 to 5.30

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Warwickshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Beaconsfield: Buckinghamshire v Northumberland. Brewood: Staffordshire v Cambridgeshire.

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY (one day): Norton CC: Durham v Nottinghamshire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire. Lewes Priory: Sussex v Essex. Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Featherweight: Billy Hardy (Sunderland) v Adolfo Castillo (Mex); Lightweight: Billy Schwer (Luton) v Armando Herrera (Mex). (Hemel Hempstead).
TENNIS: Wimbledon qualifying (Roehampton); Direct Line Insurance Manchester Open (Didsbury); Volkswagen Cup (Eastbourne).
YACHTING: Rolex Swan European championships (Guernsey).

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TIGGY

(c) A hedgehog, perhaps related to the dialect *tig* a little pig, cf. Beatrix Potter's Mrs Tiggywinkle; T. H. White, *The Sword in the Stone*: "Us be'nt no common tiggy Mëaster, for to be munched and mumbled."

PREPENSE

(b) Thought of beforehand, intentional, from the Latin *pre-* before + *penso* I think: consider, estimate, in legal jargon, as in *malice prepense*: "Full of malice prepense, deliberate, and overweening."

CHARTOPHYLAX

(c) An officer of the household of the Patriarch of Constantinople who has charge of the official documents and records, from the Greek *charta* paper + *phulax* a guard: "He held the offices of Chartophylax, Scenophylax, and Referendarius in the Great Church (that of St Sophia) in Constantinople."

METANOIA

(a) Penitence, repentance, re-orientation of one's way of life, spiritual conversion, from the Greek *metanoein* to change one's mind, to repent: "Of metanoia, as Jesus used the word, the lamenting one's sins was a small part; the main part was something more active and fruitful, the setting up an immense new inward movement for obtaining the rule of life. And metanoia, accordingly, is: *a change of the inner man*."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The correct exchanging sequence is 1 Rxd8! Rxd8 2 Bxc3, leaving white with an overwhelming material advantage.

Stonehatch to head first-day double for Chapple-Hyam

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

DESPITE holding a trainer's licence for less than 30 months, Peter Chapple-Hyam has enjoyed more big-race success than most of his contemporaries can dream of achieving in a lifetime.

The Epsom Derby, the English and Irish 2,000 Guineas, plus victories in the International Stakes, Champion Stakes and Dewhurst Stakes, have elevated the Manton handler to the top rank of his profession at the age of 30.

His meteoric career can take a further step forward today by saddling his first Royal Ascot winner — and so ending the 21-year hoodoo on Manton runners at the royal meeting.

With the pick of Robert Sangster's two-year-olds in his care, Chapple-Hyam was making confident noises about the new intake early in the season, and his confidence has been more than justified by the successes of Stonehatch, State Performer and Turtle Island.

Stonehatch, napped to win the Coventry Stakes, was arguably the most impressive of the trio when winning at York on his debut a month ago.

The son of Storm Bird recorded an excellent time when accounting for four previous winners and his breeding suggests he will appreciate this afternoon's rain-softened ground.

"I am really confident. Stonehatch has been working very well," Chapple-Hyam said yesterday. "I read in the papers that Wajiba Riva is Richard Hannon's banker of the meeting. Well, I think my fellow is my nap."

Wajiba Riva certainly appears the main threat, having twice shown good speed to win convincingly over five furlongs. On an admittedly dubious line of form involving Ochos Rios and Broctune Gold, the Hannon runner has an excellent chance but Stonehatch, trimmed to 14-1 by William Hill for next season's 2,000 Guineas following a bet yesterday of £50,000-£3,000, is taken to triumph.

Whatever the outcome, Chapple-Hyam has first-rate prospects of taking the following race, the King Edward VII Stakes, with **Cairo Prince**. In the Derby, Cairo Prince ran a remarkable race, ending up a fast-finishing fourth having been last of the 16 runners less than half a mile from home. He ran a similar kind of race in the Chester Vase and I believe that on both occasions he was inconvenienced by the track.


Cumani: early opportunity

The galloping nature of Ascot should be much more in his favour and every drop of rain will boost his chances. The likely strong pace will suit Beneficial, who is the main danger.

The absence of Zafonic ends the prospect of a fascinating rematch against **Kingmambo**, his conqueror on soft ground in the Prix Djebel, but his withdrawal should enable Francois Boutin's colt to continue his marvellous run of group one victories in the St James's Palace Stakes.

Another French raider, **Urban Sea**, ran extremely well behind Jolypha and Hatoof last autumn, and is a sporting selection to win the Prince of Wales's Stakes now that she returns to her favoured trip on ideal ground.

Inner City is seeking his sixth consecutive victory in the opening Queen Anne Stakes and, although this represents a step up in class from listed company, Luca Cumani's miler can account for the mud-loving Alhijaz, provided heavy rain stays away.

Balasani won with far more in hand than his two-length winning margin at Warwick last month suggests and Martin Pipe's dual purpose seven-year-old should be concerned in the finish for the marathon Ascot Stakes.

TONY EDENDEN


Missing attraction: Zafonic, nearside, pipped by Kingmambo on soft ground at Maisons-Laffitte in April

Rain frustrates Zafonic's reappearance

By Richard Evans

AFTER scaring away most of the potential opposition, the last-minute withdrawal of Zafonic from the St James's Palace Stakes takes the edge off the opening day of Royal Ascot.

The reappearance of the highly impressive 2,000 Guineas winner promised to be one of the highlights of the meeting and his absence may have deprived British racing crowds of their last opportunity to see Khaled Abdulla's colt as he prepares for a tilt at the Breeders' Cup Mile in California.

The going at Ascot is now officially good to soft. An inch of rain fell on the Berkshire course between Thursday and yesterday morning and more showers arrived during the day.

Captain Nicky Beaumont, the clerk of the course, reported yesterday: "We haven't had a lot of rain. But there was a bit this morning and a heavy shower this afternoon. To be right, it is just good to soft. As for the rest of the week, your guess is as good as mine. Everybody will be disappointed that Zafonic is not running."

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to Abdulla, said: "Zafonic has told us on three occasions he does not like soft ground — twice at Deauville last year, when he was below his subsequent form, and then in the Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte this season he showed it again." He added: "Obviously, I'm very upset for the horse, for Prince Khaled, for Ascot and everyone who wanted to see him run, but I think we have done the right thing by the horse."

Pritchard-Gordon walked Ascot, at Abdulla's request, on Sunday night and, despite several hours of sunshine, found the ground to be slightly on the dead side. He said: "I hoped the bad weather would keep away and, given another dry day, we would have had perfect ground, but I confirmed with Nicky Beaumont that there had been rain and with an unsettled weather forecast, we took the inevitable decision."

The defection means a maximum of four horses will go to post for the day's £145,000-added feature race.

The John Dunlop-trained Ventiquattrofogli will not run if there is significant overnight rain, which would reduce the field to the smallest since 1973 when Thatch faced only one opponent.

Further rain will seriously jeopardise the chances of three other Abdulla-owned runners. Factual (Queen Anne Stakes), So Factual (Jersey Stakes) and Specified (Cork And Orrery Stakes) are all by Known Fact, who is closely related to Gone West, sire of Zafonic, and must have fast ground.

"If the rain continues, it could be a disastrous week," Pritchard-Gordon lamented.

No action taken on National officials

CAPTAIN Keith Brown and Ken Evans, the two racing officials at the centre of the Grand National fiasco, will not face disciplinary action, the Jockey Club confirmed yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

The club's stewards, led by Lord Hartington, yesterday considered the report into the void Aintree race produced by Sir Michael Connell, Len Cowburn and Stan Mellor. The report criticised Brown, the Jockey Club starter, for allowing horses to get too near to the starting tape and decided that Evans, the advance flagman, did not raise his red flag after the two false starts.

"The [Connell] committee's report makes it clear that a number of circumstances combined to bring about the false starts, while the confusion which led to the race being declared void resulted from the failure of the recall system," the Jockey Club said in a statement.

"In the view of the stewards, no error of judgment highlighted by the committee arises from or is attributable to any breach of the Rules of Racing, nor does any such error of itself amount to such a breach. Accordingly, there will be no disciplinary enquiry."

A racing working party, chaired by Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, is at present considering how starting procedures can be changed to avoid a repeat of the National debacle.

Tenby dope test proves negative

THE Derby favourite, Tenby, was not doped when he disappointed in the Epsom classic, the Jockey Club announced yesterday.

The urine sample taken from the colt after he had trailed in tenth, 23 lengths behind his winning stable companion, Commander In Chief, proved negative when analysed by the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory at Newmarket.

The result effectively ends speculation that the Henry Cecil runner, 5-4 on favourite for the big race, had been "got at".

Connections had postponed running plans for the previously unbeaten Tenby until they had established the cause of his failure.

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to the colt's owner, Khaled Abdulla, said: "I was not aware of the test result, but we are keeping an open mind as to what went wrong. Plans for Tenby are still open. We are looking at every option."

ROYAL ASCOT

THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.30 Inner City	2.30 Inner City
3.05 YOUNG SENOR (nap)	3.05 Urban Sea
3.45 Kingmambo	3.45 Kingmambo
4.20 Stonehatch	4.20 STONEHATCH (nap)
4.55 Cairo Prince	4.55 Cairo Prince (next best)
5.30 Rosina Mae	5.30 Balasani

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Inner City. 3.05 Ezzoud. 4.55 BENEFICIAL (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 STONEHATCH.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.30 QUEEN ANNE STAKES BBC1

(Group II: £53,194: 1m str) (10 runners)

101	(8)	04312-1	ALHIJAZ 53 (D,F,S) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 4-9-8	W Carson	95
102	(9)	31-0116	SWING LOW 13 (D,BF,G,S) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 4-9-5	T Quinn	93
103	(6)	243-241	ALFLORA 24 (F,S) (Circlechart Ltd) C Brittain 4-9-2	M J Kinane	91
104	(7)	4123-10	CALLING COLLECT 81 (D,G,S) R Conway (UAE) 4-9-2	C Asmussen	94
105	(10)	1321-26	HAZAAM 32 (D,BF,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-2	W R Swinburn	94
106	(2)	21111-1	INNER CITY 30 (D,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 4-9-2	M Roberts	[illegible]
107	(1)	02-2302	POWERFUL EDGE 12 (BF,F) (J Smith) I Balding 4-9-2	L Dettori	88
108	(4)	04523-0	FEMININE WILES 32 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 4-8-13	J Reid	95
109	(5)	1-1	CATRAIL 14 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-5	R Cochrane	94
110	(3)	413-64	FACTUAL 28 (F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-5	Pat Eddery	86

BETTING: 7-4 Inner City, 7-2 Catrail, 4-1 Alhijaz, 10-1 Hazaam, Swing Low, 14-1 Calling Collect, 15-1 Alflora, Feminine Wiles, 20-1 Factual, 50-1 Powerful Edge.

1992: LAHIB 4-9-2 W Carson (100-30) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALHIJAZ beat HAZAAM (same terms) neck in 7-runner group II Gardner Merchant Mile at Sandown (1m, good to firm). SWING LOW beat Wharf 1l in group II Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury (1m, good) on penultimate start with ALFLORA (3lb better off) ¾l 4th, HAZAAM (3lb better off) 3½l 5th, FEMININE WILES (3lb better off) ¾l 7th and POWERFUL EDGE (3lb better off) 1¾l 8th. ALFLORA beat Thourios ½l in conditions race at Lingfield (7f 110yd, good to soft). CALLING COLLECT beat Irish Ceilidh 1l in conditions race at Nad Al Sheba, Dubai, on penultimate start. INNER CITY beat Golden Mintage 2½l in listed race at San Siro (1m, good). POWERFUL EDGE head 2nd of 7 to Peter Davies in a conditions race at Epsom (1m 110yd, good). CATRAIL beat Les Artiste 2½l in conditions race at Leicester (7f, good). FACTUAL 2¼l 4th of 5 to Half Term in a conditions race at Goodwood (6f, good to firm).

Selection: ALHIJAZ

3.05 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES BBC1

(Group II: £57,379: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

201	(9)	2160-21	GREAT PALM 30 (D,G,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-7	A Munro	94
202	(7)	111/16-1	GEORGE AUGUSTUS 31 (B,D,F,G) J Oxx (Ire) 5-9-5	M Roberts	96
203	(8)	041-460	LUCKY LINDY 32 (S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-9-5	M J Kinane	90
204	(10)	230-531	ENHARMONIC 13 (F,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-3	L Dettori	[illegible]
205	(5)	1235-12	EZZOUD 31 (V,BF,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-3	W R Swinburn	94
206	(4)	042155-	SPARTAN SHAREEF 228 (D,G) (C Olley) C Brittain 4-9-3	J Reid	93
207	(3)	60-2155	YOUNG BUSTER 14 (D,F,G) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 5-9-3	Paul Eddery	92
208	(11)	10/24-01	YOUNG SENOR 20 (D,F,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 4-9-3	M Hills	95
209	(12)	320-165	URBAN SEA 28 (D,S) (D Tsui) J Lesbordes (Fr) 4-9-0	C Asmussen	98
210	(2)	131-10	EMPEROR JONES 45 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-4	R Cochrane	89
211	(1)	1-12	PLACERVILLE 16 (G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-4	Pat Eddery	87
212	(6)	31-3026	VIA PARIGI 10 (G) (D Dobson) J Berger (Ire) 3-8-4	W Carson	86

BETTING: 9-2 George Augustus, 5-1 Ezzoud, 6-1 Great Palm, Placerville, 7-1 Young Senor, 8-1 Urban Sea, 10-1 Enharmonic, 12-1 Emperor Jones, 20-1 Lucky Lindy, 25-1 Young Buster, 33-1 Spartan Shareef, Via Parigi.

1992: PERPENDICULAR 4-9-3 W Ryan (20-1) H Cecil 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREAT PALM beat Guado D'Annibale 2l in 8-runner group I Premio Presidente at Capannelle (1m 2f, good to soft). GEORGE AUGUSTUS beat EZZOUD (1lb worse off) short-head in 7-runner group II Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh (1m 2f, yielding). ENHARMONIC beat Thourios head in 8-runner group III Diomed Stakes at Epsom (1m 110yd, good). EZZOUD beat Cloud Of Dust 1½l in 13-runner group III Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket (1m 1f, good) on penultimate start with LUCKY LINDY (3lb better off) 1l 4th and YOUNG SENOR (same terms) 17½l 11th. YOUNG SENOR beat Anne Bonny 2½l in a 5-runner conditions race at Newbury (1m 2f, good to soft). URBAN SEA 4l 5th of 9 to Modhish in group II Prix Jean de Chaudenay at Saint-Cloud (1m 4f, good). EMPEROR JONES beat Wharf short-head in 9-runner group III Craven Stakes at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start. PLACERVILLE 1¾l 5th of 8 to Le Balafre in group I Prix Jean Prat at Longchamp (1m 1f, firm).

Selection: GREAT PALM

3.45 ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES BBC1

(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £116,334: 1m rnd) (4 runners)

301	(4)	6252-11	KINGMAMBO 37 (D,S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0	C Asmussen	[illegible]
302	(1)	224-52	NEEDLE GUN 16 (S Manana) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	80
303	(3)	110-353	VENTIQUATTROFOGLI 9 (D,F,G,S) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	86
304	(2)	11-202	WHARF 32 (F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	Pat Eddery	92

BETTING: 2-5 Kingmambo, 7-2 Wharf, 9-1 Needle Gun, 14-1 Ventiquattrofogli.

1992: BRIEF TRUCE 9-0 M J Kinane (25-1) D Weld (Ire) 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

KINGMAMBO beat Bin Ajwaad 1¾l in 10-runner group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp (1m, good to soft). NEEDLE GUN 5l 2nd of 18 to White Muzzle in group I Derby Italiano at Capannelle (1m 4f, good to firm). VENTIQUATTROFOGLI 1¼l 3rd of 9 to Colfiere Vulture in group II Premio Emilio Turati at San Siro (1m, good to firm). WHARF 1l 2nd to Swing Low in group II Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury (1m, good).

Selection: KINGMAMBO (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lord Huntingdon	3	9	33.3	Pat Eddery	18	85	21.2
H Cecil	10	36	27.8	W R Swinburn	8	59	13.6
G Wragg	6	27	22.2	A Munro	4	34	11.8
J Dunlop	5	23	21.7	W Carson	8	70	11.4
P Cole	4	20	20.0				
J Gosden	3	17	17.6	Only qualifiers			

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.20 COVENTRY STAKES BBC2

(Group III: 2-Y-O: £26,766: 6f) (6 runners)

401	(1)	2	CANASKA DANCER 10 (Mrs J Sifton) P Kelleway 8-13	A Munro	78
402	(2)	1	CRAZY PAVING 11 (D,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-13	M Roberts	90
403	(6)	1	POLISH LAUGHTER 17 (D,G) (J Hunold) B Hanbury 8-13	W R Swinburn	72
404	(3)	01	SHARP PHASE 45 (G) (M Malmuth) L Browne (Ire) 8-13	J J Behan	80
405	(5)	1	STONEHATCH 34 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13	J Reid	[illegible]
406	(4)	11	WAJIBA RIVA 48 (C,G) (The Winning Team) R Hannon 8-13	Pat Eddery	90

BETTING: 4-7 Stonehatch, 7-2 Wajiba Riva, 7-1 Crazy Paving, 16-1 Polish Laughter, Sharp Phase, 33-1 Canaska Dancer.

1992: PETARDIA 8-13 W R Swinburn (5-1) G Wragg 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CANASKA DANCER short-head 2nd of 10 to Rosenlan in a maiden at Epsom (5f, good to firm). CRAZY PAVING beat Danger Point 2½l in a 10-runner maiden at Goodwood (6f, good). POLISH LAUGHTER beat Bralle short-head in a 14-runner maiden at Doncaster (6f, good). SHARP PHASE beat Common Rumpus 1l in a 16-runner maiden at Naas (5f, good). STONEHATCH beat Sinners Reprieve 6l in conditions race at York (6f, good). WAJIBA RIVA completed double, beat River Deep 3½l in conditions race at Ascot (5f, good).

Selection: STONEHATCH

4.55 KING EDWARD VII STAKES

(Group II: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £58,433: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

501	(1)	21-14	AZZILFI 16 (G,S) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-8	W Carson	92
502	(5)	11-1212	BENEFICIAL 28 (BF,F,G) (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 8-8	M Hills	[illegible]
503	(4)	144	CAIRO PRINCE 13 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8	J Reid	95
504	(7)	11-3	FORESEE 38 (G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Oxx (Ire) 8-8	M Roberts	91
505	(8)	116-	LINDON LIME 255 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-8	A Munro	88
506	(2)	21-43	SHAIBA 34 (B) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-8	W R Swinburn	87
507	(3)	82	WINGED VICTORY 14 (BF) (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 8-8	R Cochrane	79
508	(6)	61-351	YELTSIN 17 (G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-8	Pat Eddery	89

BETTING: 2-1 Cairo Prince, 7-2 Beneficial, 6-1 Foresee, Yeltsin, 8-1 Shaiba, 12-1 Azzilfi, 14-1 Winged Victory, 25-1 Lindon Lime.

1992: BEYTON 8-8 M J Kinane (12-1) R Hannon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

AZZILFI 4¾l 4th of 9 to Monsun in the group II Grosser Hertie Preis at Munich (1m 3f, good). Previously 2¼l 4th of 8 to Bob's Return in the group III Alpine Derby Trial at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good to firm) with YELTSIN (same terms) 3l 5th. BENEFICIAL short-head 2nd of 6 to Geisway in a listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). Previously beat Blues Traveller 4l in a listed race at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). CAIRO PRINCE 5l 4th of 16 to Commander In Chief in the group I Ever Ready Derby at Epsom (1m 4f, good). Previously 4¾l 4th of 6 to Armiger in the group III Dalham Chester Vase (1m 4f 66yd, good to firm). FORESEE 1¾l 3rd of 5 to Perfect Imposter in the group III Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial at Leopardstown (1m 2f, good). SHAIBA 4¾l 3rd of 5 to Tenby in the group II Dante Stakes at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). YELTSIN beat Wagon Master 1l in 5-runner conditions race at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good).

Selection: CAIRO PRINCE

5.30 ASCOT STAKES (Handicap: £20,550: 2m 4f) (23 runners)

601	(11)	546-101	GOOD HAND 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Haggas) J Watts 7-10-0	J Reid	93
602	(7)	2-31312	JACK BUTTON 41 (F,G,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 4-9-13	N Day	91
603	(4)	314/656	JUSTICE 28 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 5-9-12	C Asmussen	90
604	(5)	2-22500	STAR PLAYER 15 (F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 7-9-7	L Dettori	98
605	(22)	232	BOKARO 10 (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 7-9-6	Pat Eddery	84
606	(13)	060-041	REQUESTED 41 (C,F,G) (G Beccle) R Akehurst 6-9-6	A Munro	88
607	(23)	111/0/2	DERAB 17 (V,F,G,S) (Mrs E Brown) S Sherwood 7-9-5	J Williams	91
608	(6)	46/050-2	MUSE 14 (F,G) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 6-9-3	A Procter (5)	86
609	(14)	-1113/41	BALASANI 18 (F,G,S) (M Smith) M Pipe 7-9-1	M Perrett	88
610	(3)	U433-03	BUSTINETTA 17 (F) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0	K Darley	98
611	(20)	1/0-0504	FRENCH IVY 15 (F,G) (K Flood) Mrs A King 8-8-13	W R Swinburn	92
612	(15)	61-0360	BARDOLPH 17 (B,D,F,G,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 6-8-13	T Quinn	93
613	(1)	0-61104	MASTER FOODBROKER 25 (B,G) W Musson 5-8-13	D McCabe (7)	92
614	(8)	31-1252	SNOW BOARD 15 (B,BF,F,G) (J Hanson) B Hills 4-8-12	W Carson	95
615	(16)	0/5-2161	TAROUDANT 20 (F,G) (G Farndon) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-11	M Roberts	88
616	(6)	22414-3	ROSINA MAE 10 (G) (Greenland Park Ltd) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-8	Dean McKeown	95
617	(19)	15-0132	MRS BARTON 12 (F,G) (Mrs P Fryer) P Flynn (Ire) 5-8-5	M J Kinane	90
618	(18)	50000-3	WELSHMAN 41 (B,S) (B Oxton) M Blanshard 7-8-3	R Cochrane	92
619	(9)	54301-2	DARE TO DREAM 20 (BF,F,S) (D Zawadi) P Hobbs 4-8-0	A McGlone	94
620	(16)	053-028	DOYCE 13 (G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 4-7-9	G Bardwell	91
621	(21)	21/0603	CHAKALAK'S (F,G) (P Chakko) S Dow 5-7-9	C Rutter	[illegible]
622	(12)	105-050	PATROCLUS 8 (F,G,S) (Miss J Newell) R Voorspuy 8-7-7	S Dawson	81
623	(2)	4500/11	MARDOOD 8 (F,S) (J Fretwell) P Leach 8-7-7 (3ex)	S Wood	78

Long handicap: Patroclus 7-1, Mardood 6-12.

BETTING: 8-1 Snow Board, 10-1 Bustinetta, 12-1 Balasani, Muse, Taroudant, 14-1 Bardolph, Bokaro, Jack Button, Requested, Welshman, 16-1 Dare To Dream, Good Hand, Mrs Barton, Rosina Mae, 20-1 others.

1992: GONDOLIER 4-8-9 Pat Eddery (7-1) H Cecil 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOOD HAND beat SNOW BOARD (3lb better off) head in an 11-runner handicap at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good) with FRENCH IVY (6lb better off) 7l 4th and STAR PLAYER poor 8th. JACK BUTTON 2l 2nd of 18 to Rodeo Star in an 18-runner handicap at Chester (2m 2f 117yd, good to firm) with WELSHMAN (3lb better off) 2l 3rd, BALASANI (6lb worse off) 1¾l 4th, BARDOLPH (7lb better off) 3l 6th, FRENCH IVY 11th, STAR PLAYER 12th and GOOD HAND 16th. BOKARO 5l 2nd of 12 to Saint Keyne in a maiden at Haydock (1m 6f, good). REQUESTED beat Secret Society 8l in a 9-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m 6f, firm). DERAB 3½l 2nd of 12 to Robingo in a handicap at Kempton (2m, good) with BARDOLPH (6lb better off) 20l 7th. MUSE head 2nd of 15 to Pharaminous in a handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, firm). BALASANI beat Intrepid Lass 2l in a 15-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, soft) with CHAKALAK (15lb better off) 11l 7th. TAROUDANT beat Shujan short-head in a 10-runner handicap at Ripon (2m, good). ROSINA MAE 3½l 3rd of 8 to James Is Special in a handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good).

Selection: BALASANI



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ROYAL ASCOT BBC1

2.30: Catrail can maintain his unbeaten record provided the ground does not become too soft. His lack of experience is worrying, but John Gosden is never one to overface his horses so this colt is almost certainly better than he has shown so far. Alhijaz and Hazaam are inseparable on earlier Sandown form. The latter subsequently disappointed at Newbury behind Swing Low, who now carries a penalty for his Lockinge Stakes triumph. Inner City may prove the biggest danger.

3.05: Enharmonic attempts a royal victory but it will be a surprise if he can trouble **Ezzoud**. The selection is 5lb better off with George Augustus, who holds a short head verdict over Michael Stoute's colt at the Curragh last month. Ezzoud also has the beating of Lucky Lindy, while Great Palm's chances are compromised by his group one penalty. Among the three-year-olds, Emperor Jones and Placerville have yet to prove conclusively they stay ten furlongs.

3.45: Trainers running scared of Zafonic have only themselves to blame that **Kingmambo** now has this valuable prize at his mercy. The French-trained colt acts on soft ground and settles well, so lack of early pace will not compromise him. Wharf chased home Swing Low in the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury but looks below group one calibre. Needle Gun and Ventiquattrofogli will collect some valuable place money.

BBC2

4.20: By any standards this is a disappointing turnout and Stonehatch's glittering York debut makes him hard to oppose, although Wajiba Riva, who looks a tough customer, is sure to test his mettle. Polish Laughter and Crazy Paving were impressive winners on their debuts, but the ground looks the only obstacle to Stonehatch maintaining winning ways.

Julian Muscat

THIRSK

THUNDERER

2.15 Sonneteer. 2.45 Lucky Fourteen. 3.15 My Godson. 3.50 Toledo Queen. 4.25 Knight Of Shalot. 5.00 Gloriette. 5.35 Ambiguously Regal.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN BACK STRAIGHT) SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 BRAMCOTE SCHOOL CENTENARY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,807: 7f) (12 runners)

1		ALL IN THE MIND C Thornton 9-0	N Connorton 1
2	0	CAPTAIN TAFFY 15 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0	K Fallon 8
3	50	HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 49 R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks 11
4		KNAYTON LAD M W Easterby 9-0	T Lucas 9
5	050	KOMPLICITY 49 Bob Jones 9-0	B Raymond 5
6	0	PARISIAN LOVER 22 T Barron 9-0	K Darley 3
7		PHIL THE TILL W Haigh 9-0	Dale Gibson 12
8	6	SONNETEER 66 (BF) M H Easterby 9-0	S Maloney (3) 7
9	0	STORM LEADER 17 M Brittain 9-0	M Wigham 2
10	0	GLENVALLY 36 B Murray 8-9	D Holland 10
11	52	OVIDEO 22 J Watts 8-9	J Lowe 4
12	05	THREE OF HEARTS 10 J Eyre 8-9	M Humphries (7) 6

9-4 Ovideo, 7-2 Sonneteer, 9-2 Three Of Hearts, 8-1 Heathyards Crusade, 10-1 Parisian Lover, 16-1 others.

2.45 NO 6 GROUP SECURITY SYSTEMS SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,448: 6f) (14)

1	6005	ARKINDALE SPIRIT 8 M W Easterby 8-11	T Lucas 8
2		LUCKY FOURTEEN B Beasley 8-11	S D Williams (3) 13
3	40	MINNESOTA VIKING 20 T Barron 8-11	K Darley 4
4	05	NOSMO KING 39 J Berry 8-11	J Carroll 12
5	0	SHARPISH WORDS 73 (B) W Haigh 8-11	S Webster 9
6		TOOGOODFORYOU N Bycroft 8-11	L Charnock 3
7	0	TYPOGRAPHER 22 C Thornton 8-11	T Williams 5
8	406	WINGS AHEAD 15 (B) T Fairhurst 8-11	J Fanning 11
9	6	BRAMCOTE CENTURY 6 J Hetherton 8-6	J Lowe 14
10	00	CRY OF THE DOLPHIN 40 P Haslam 8-6	Dale Gibson 2
11	00	LUCKY LIZZY 25 M Britain 8-6	M Wigham 6
12	24	MOKAITE 24 M Hammond 8-6	S Maloney (3) 10
13	6050	TENPIN PROPHET 8 (B) B Rothwell 8-6	J Quinn 1
14		TWO D'S M H Easterby 8-6	M Birch 7

3-1 Mokaite, 9-2 Minnesota Viking, 6-1 Tenpin Prophet, 7-1 Lucky Fourteen, Two D's, 10-1 Wings Ahead, Cry Of The Dolphin, 12-1 Arkindale Spirit, 16-1 others.

3.15 BBC RADIO YORK SPORT HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,262: 6f) (19)

1	2143	PLUM FIRST 10 (B,CD,F,S) N Bycroft 9-7	S Whitworth 14
2	02-5	HELLO HOBSON'S 25 (D,G) R Bastiman 9-4	H Bastiman (7) 12
3	20-0	BLUE RADIANCE 20 (D,F) T Fairhurst 9-1	J Fanning 7
4	1005	MY GODSON 6 (B,F,S) B Beasley 9-0	D Pears (5) 17
5	4325	GUSSIE FINK-NOTTLE 12 T Barron 8-10	B Raymond 18
6	3245	MILBANK CHALLENGER 40 (B,BF) M H Easterby 8-10	M Birch 4
7	2121	KILLY'S FILLY 11 (D,G) J Berry 8-7	J Carroll 6
8	0-62	FORTIS PAVIOR 7 (BF) R Whitaker 8-5	A Culhane 11
9	-600	ANDRULA MOU 6 M W Easterby 8-3	K Fallon 19
10	005	CUMBRIAN CALYPSO 24 M H Easterby 8-3	S Maloney (3) 5
11	056	DODDINGTON PLAYER 14 R Hollinshead 8-3	A Garth (5) 8
12	00-0	SHE'S A BREEZE 27 A Smith 8-2	N Adams 9
13	130	ALWAYS BAILEYS 57 (D,G) M Johnston 8-1	R P Elliott 1
14	203	HALL BANK COTTAGE 64 M Johnston 8-0	T Williams 13
15	0424	FORMIDABLE LIZ 14 (BF) M Hammond 7-12	J Lowe 16
16	0-00	MAKE MINE A DOUBLE 15 (F) Miss S Hall 7-11	J Quinn 3
17	-020	ADMISSION 14 N Chamberlain 7-10	Dale Gibson 10
18	065-	DUNNINGTON 306 M W Easterby 7-8	L Charnock 15
19	0404	GATE OF HEAVEN 11 R Spicer 7-7	Darren Moffatt (5) 2

6-1 Killy's Filly, 7-1 Plum First, Hall Bank Cottage, 8-1 Fortis Pavior, 9-1 Formidable Liz, 10-1 Hello Hobson's, 12-1 My Godson, 14-1 others.

Blinkered first time

THIRSK: 2.45 Sharpish Words, Wings Ahead. 5.00 Woodtong.

3.50 BBC RADIO YORK FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,752: 1m) (7)

1	1-01	TOLEDO QUEEN 22 (D,S) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-10	D Holland 2
2	-236	SPICE AND SUGAR 15 (S) J Bethell 3-9-0	B Raymond 4
3	6-06	DALALAH 17 (F) H Thomson Jones 3-9-0	R Hills 3
4	030-	TRACHELIUM 244 J Hanson 3-9-0	A Culhane 6
5	0-44	LEAVE IT TO LIB 17 (CD,F) P Calver 6-8-12	J Tate (7) 1
6	5240	LAMSONETTI 27 R Whitaker 3-7-12	Dale Gibson 5
7	050-	BIDWEAYA 186J (D,F) J Eyre 6-7-7	N Adams 7

5-2 Toledo Queen, 7-2 Leave It To Lib, 5-1 Spice And Sugar, Dalalah, 6-1 Bidweaya, 10-1 Lamsonetti, 12-1 Trachelium.

4.25 BBC RADIO YORK NEWS AND INFORMATION MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,201: 7f) (9)

1	03	HARLOSH 13 T Barron 9-0	V Halliday (7) 1
2	0-2	KNIGHT OF SHALOT 10 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	D Holland 5
3		PHILMIC M Hammond 9-0	J Carroll 7
4	0	PRINCE PALACIO 54 M Camacho 9-0	N Connorton 8
5		DAGNY JUEL J Dunlop 8-9	G Carter 3
6	00	FORDALLIA 7 J Hetherton 8-9	J Lowe 9
7	0-5	SELFISH LADY 7 J Spearing 8-9	M Birch 6
8	00	TUSCANIA 14 E Incisa 8-9	Kim Tinkler 4
9	0	WAMDHA 6 (B) M Jarvis 8-9	B Raymond 2

10-11 Knight Of Shalot, 3-1 Dagny Juel, 9-2 Wamdha, 12-1 Harlosh, 20-1 others.

5.00 BRAMCOTE SCHOOL CENTENARY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,782: 7f) (11)

1	06	IMPOSING GROOM 24 J Dunlop 9-0	B Raymond 9
2	420	JOHNNIE THE JOKER 17 J Leigh 9-0	D Nicholls 10
3	5	LAUREL ROMEO 63 J Berry 9-0	J Carroll 6
4	0	MIDNIGHT HUNTER 73 W Haigh 9-0	S Webster 5
5	0	NON VINTAGE 8 M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch 8
6		SONIC M W Easterby 9-0	T Lucas 11
7		SWORDSMANSHIP M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield 7
8	0	WOODTONG 20 (B) T Fairhurst 9-0	J Fanning 2
9	32	BESCABY GIRL 31 J Wainwright 8-9	L Charnock 3
10	4	GLORIETTE 17 R Guest 8-9	W Woods 1
11	0	LEVEL EDGE 14 J Jefferson 8-9	K Fallon 4

5-2 Gloriette, 4-1 Level Edge, 5-1 Johnnie The Joker, 6-1 Bescaby Girl, 8-1 Laurel Romeo, 10-1 Non Vintage, 16-1 others.

5.35 ERNEST NORRIS MEMORIAL HANDICAP

(£3,525: 1m 4f) (8)

1	4210	AMBIGUOUSLY REGAL 25 (D,G,S) Mrs J Cecil 4-10-0	B Raymond 5
2	-303	PRINCE HANNIBAL 28 (D,F,G) J Dunlop 6-9-11	G Carter 1
3	4100	IN THE MONEY 35 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-6	S Perks 6
4	2001	MIZYAN 13 (D,G) J Banks 5-9-1	J Quinn 7
5	-040	TOUR LEADER 15 T Barron 4-8-6	M Birch 4
6	0032	FAIR FLYER 6 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 4-8-5	R P Elliott 3
7	05/0	PERSIAN SOLDIER 15 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-7-11	Darren Moffatt (5) 2
8	0606	EXPLOSIVE SPEED 18 (CD,F) M Hammond 5-7-7	J Lowe 8

5-2 Ambiguously Regal, 7-2 Prince Hannibal, 4-1 Fair Flyer, 11-2 Mizyan, 8-1 In The Money, 10-1 Tour Leader, 14-1 Explosive Speed, 16-1 Persian Soldier.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 8 winners from 17 runners, 47.1%; H Thomson Jones, 6 from 23, 26.1%; M Prescott, 6 from 28, 21.4%; B Beasley, 4 from 20, 20.0%; M Johnston, 8 from 42, 19%; M Camacho, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: R Hills, 13 winners from 44 rides, 29.5%; G Duffield, 22 from 113, 19.5%; G Carter, 12 from 62, 19.4%; D Pears, 3 from 17, 17.6%; B Raymond, 4 from 25, 16%; M Birch, 26 from 166, 15.7%.

Nottingham in doubt

NOTTINGHAM'S meeting tomorrow is threatened by further rain. There is water on the course and more showers are forecast. "We could have raced today but if there is significant overnight rain we will hold an inspect," Charlie Moore, the clerk of the course, said.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Brighton

Going: good

2.00 (5f 59yd) 1, KENSWORTH LADY (N Adams, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Farmer Jock (M Roberts, 7-2); 3, Serious Hurry (T Quinn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Stocktina (6th), 6 Treasure Time (4th), 10 Tee-Emm (5th). 6 ran. 1½l, 1¼l, 1½l, 2l, 15l. M Blanshard at Upper Lambourn. Tote £4.50; £1.80, £1.60. DF £6.60. CSF £11.59.

2.30 (6f 209yd) 1, GRAN SENORUM (A Munro, 1-5 fav); 2, Halbert (J Reid, 13-2); 3, Almostautomatic (L Dettori, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Gathering (4th), 100 Mai-Tu-Tu (5th). 5 ran. 3l, 5l, 6l, 20l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote £1.30; £1.10, £2.00. DF £1.60. CSF £2.02.

3.00 (7f 214yd) 1, SET THE FASHION (D Harrison, 7-2 fav); 2, North Esk (M Wigham, 4-1); 3, Shikari's Son (T Quinn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Langtry Lady (5th), 6 Rocality, 8 Cape Pigeon (6th), 12 Helios (4th), 33 Natchez Trace. 8 ran. 4l, hd, ¾l, 3l, 2½l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £4.50; £1.30, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £5.60. CSF: £16.09. Tricast: £67.70. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.30 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, CORINTHIAN GOD (M Roberts, 9-2); 2, Princess Evita (D Harrison, 9-2); 3, Naseer (T Quinn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Rocquaine Bay (5th), Pie Hatch, 5 Monarda (4th), 12 Shirl (6th). 7 ran. 1l, sh hd, 7l, hd, nk. D Wilson at Epsom. Tote: £6.90; £2.40, £3.10. DF: £6.60. CSF: £22.50.

4.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, INDIAN FLASH (L Dettori, 15-2); 2, Haven Of Love (D Biggs, 8-1); 3, Swift Spring (T Quinn, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 85-40 fav Glint Of Ayr (4th), 11-4 Miss Pimpernel (5th), 40 Agenda One (6th). 6 ran. 3l, 7l, hd, ½l, dist. R Guest at Newmarket. Tote: £9.20; £2.70, £3.90. DF: £24.80. CSF: £52.16.

4.30 (7f 214yd) 1, ROYAL INTERVAL (T Sprake, 5-1); 2, Princess Tateum (P Robinson, 8-11 fav); 3, Bayrak (W Carson, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Heretical Miss (5th), 25 Sharro (4th). 5 ran. 6l, 1½l, ¾l, 5l. W G M Turner at Sherborne. Tote: £6.30; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £8.81.

5.00 (6f 209yd) 1, SILKY SIREN (R Painter, 7-2); 2, Prince Rodney (Mark Denaro, 13-2); 3, Dancing Sensation (T Ashley, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Charmed Knave (4th), Quick Steel (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 3l, 2l, 2l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £5.40; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £8.80. CSF: £21.24.

Placepot: £147.10.

Edinburgh

Going: good

2.15 (7f 15yd) 1, FRANCIA (J Tate, 6-4 fav); 2, Missed The Boat (K Darley, 13-8); 3, Contrac Countess (S Wood, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 St Alzina (4th), 12 Brooklands Express (6th). 5 ran. 4l, 5l, 6l, 3¼l. A Hide at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.50. CSF: £4.10.

2.45 (7f 15yd) 1, LAUREL QUEEN (J Carroll, 21-20 fav); 2, Obsidian Grey (Dean McKeown, 7-2); 3, Nutty Brown (D Pears, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Diet, 10 Sense Of Priority (6th), 11 Shalabia (4th), 16 Khalloof, 33 Cladeschamps (5th), 300 Kincardine Bridge. 9 ran. NR: Sainted Sue. 2½l, ½l, 1½l, ¾l, 2½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.50, £3.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.00.

3.15 (1m 16yd) 1, LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR (K Darley, 7-2 fav); 2, Routing (Dean McKeown, 10-1); 3, Thornton Gate (S Maloney, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Monastic Flight (6th), 7 Lady Donoghue (4th), 8 Malcesine, 12 The Premier Expres (5th), Tumbling, 14 Giant Bleu, Waaza, 25 Hilltown Blues, 100 Freddie Jack, 300 Dusky Duchess (ur). 13 ran. NR: Matts Boy. 1½l, hd, 5l, sh hd, 2½l. J Spearing at Alcester. Tote: £3.60; £1.60, £2.50, £2.00. DF: £8.30. CSF: £36.13. Tricast: £149.13.

3.45 (1m 7f 16yd) 1, OUR AISLING (O Pears, 4-5 fav); 2, Alpha Helix (J Fanning, 100-1); 3, Grey Commander (L Charnock, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Young George (5th), 7 John Naman (6th), 16 Blackdown (4th), 50 Doctor's Remedy. 7 ran. 6l, 3½l, 2½l, 2½l, 7l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £4.70. DF: £29.60. CSF: £35.68.

4.15 (5f) 1, PLAINSONG (N Connorton, 7-1); 2, Ashkernazy (K Darley, 4-5 fav); 3, Rosie Valentine (O Pears, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Bollin Mary, 14 Me Neither (6th), 25 Forbidden Monkey (4th), Fade Away, 33 Springhead (5th). 8 ran. 1½l, 3l, 1½l, 1l, 1l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £16.90; £4.40, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £10.40. CSF: £13.38.

4.45 (5f) 1, CALL ME I'M BLUE (O Pears, 11-10 fav); 2, Treverneinepolns (K Darley, 100-30); 3, The Fed (A Culhane, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Comet Whirlpool, 14 Sensabo, 16 Tom Piper, 20 Principal Player (4th), Lucky Mill (6th), 25 Final Oak (5th), 50 Whisperdales. 10 ran. 3½l, 1½l, ¾l, ¾l, 1l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £5.13. Tricast: £25.16.

Placepot: £6.00.

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Flowers displays first-rate attitude


Flowers: splendid saves

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN WASHINGTON

IN THESE days of prima donna footballers, who earn more than heads of state and constantly remind us of the burdens of playing for their country, Tim Flowers emerged on Sunday as refreshing as a cold shower in the sauna heat of the RFK Stadium here.

At the age of 26 and possibly England's fifth-choice goalkeeper, he made his debut against Brazil and commanded his area. He then showed genuine humility and gratitude for having experienced such a day. "If I never play again, they can't take that away from me," he said an hour after the 1-1 draw.

"It was a very big eye-opener for me, a tremendous experience. I enjoyed it immensely, I went through a period of more nervousness than I've known in my life, but I can now say I have played against Brazil and I hope I did myself proud."

For Flowers to communicate his joy at representing England and his sense of awe at holding his own against Brazilians was without question the most rewarding personal exchange one has had in this depressing English summer.

"I was an England fan before I got into this squad, and it disappoints me the way Jimmy Hill, Jim Rosenthal and the other critics fail to realise how hard it is," Flowers said.

For his own initiation he watched videos of the Brazilians. Graham Taylor, the England manager, advised him to beware of Branco, the left back who can shoot for goal from a corner. "I was thinking you don't get that in the ZDS Cup," Flowers said. "But in the build-up I was aware I was surrounded by the cream of English football. I didn't want to let anyone down."

He has a better perspective on the sport than most of the English party combined and does not see the loss of a football game as a tragedy; tragedy is what happened in downtown Washington the day before the match when a 72-year-old English tourist was shot dead in the street for no other reason than he was there.

Flowers had not touched the ball when Rai ought to have scored against him in the seventh minute, but scuffed his shot. But after that, he made two memorable saves, once turning in mid-air to paw away a shot from Cafu which dipped in flight and, at the end of the match, getting the vital touch when the substitute, Almir, should have beaten him from ten yards.

"The one Brazilian I knew something about was their goalkeeper, Claudio Taffarel," Flowers said. "I had watched him play for Parma on television and when I went to swap shirts with this fellow, I was hoping he'd want mine. I doubt he'd ever heard of me."

Maybe not. There was no profile of the goalkeeper in the match programme, and he was not in the squad photograph which adorns the glossy FA brochure. So the Brazilians would hardly know that he was born in Leamington, that at 17 he played in a Wolverhampton side that immediately began sliding down the divisions, and that after Southampton signed him he suffered a broken cheekbone in his first game.

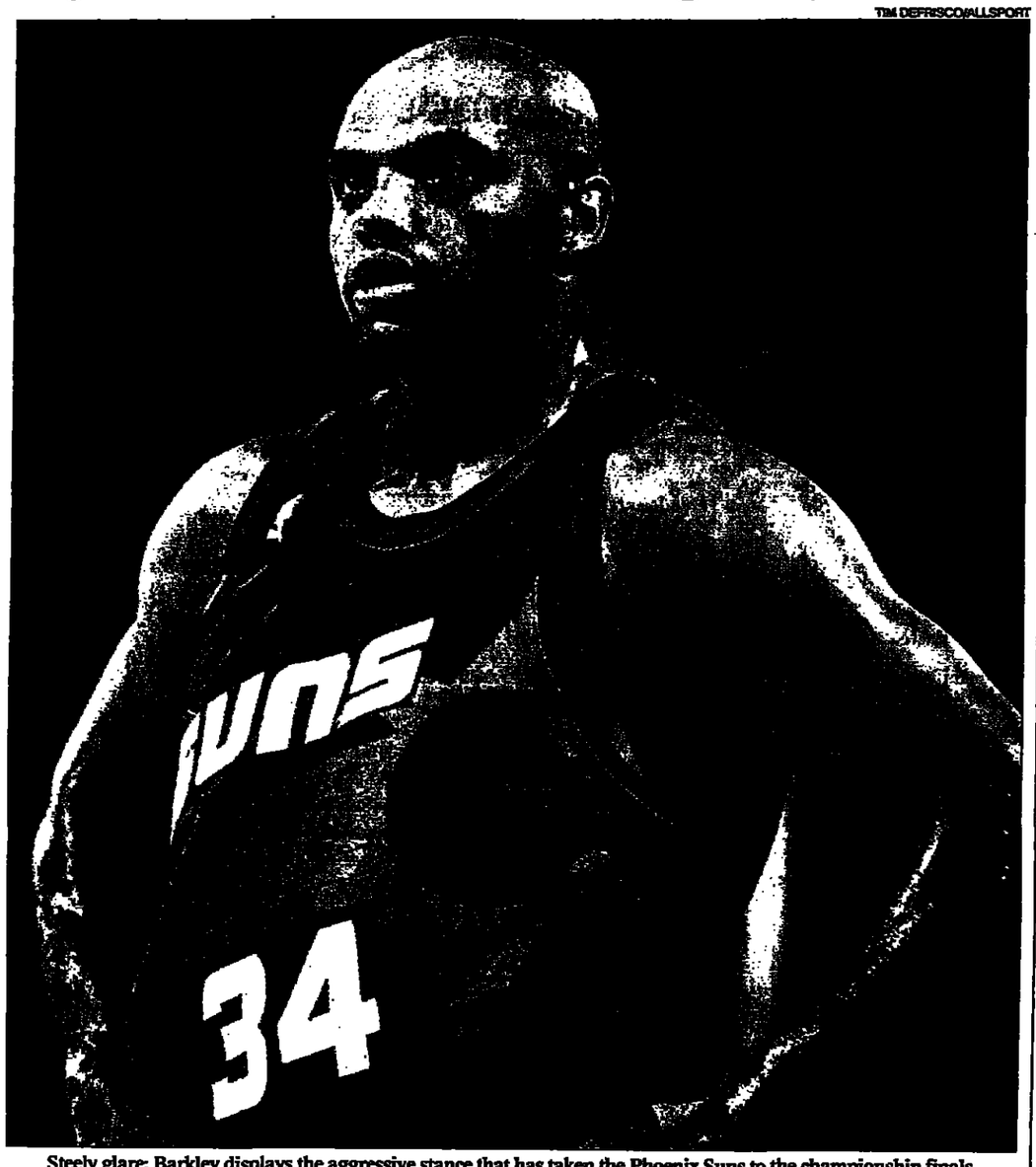
Perhaps it is battling this kind of adversity or perhaps it is his upbringing that makes Flowers so level-headed. "I phoned home immediately after the game, and my dad slaughtered me," Flowers laughed. "He said, 'What on earth do you look like?'". The goalkeeper tried to explain away the severity of his US Marine haircut by saying his family could not imagine how hot it is out here.

But having helped England to restore a vestige of pride in themselves, having been praised by his manager for the saves that he made, his coolness and the assertive way he talked the defenders through the game, Flowers learnt that his appearance was, at least for the immediate future, a one-off. Consistent with the philosophy of giving each of the fringe players experience in these conditions, Taylor intends to start Saturday's match in Detroit, against Germany, with Nigel Martyn, of Crystal Palace.

Barkley bulldozes Chicago Bulls

Simon Barnes watches the mean machine of basketball stand firm against a charge by the mighty Chicago Bulls

TIM DEFRISCO/ALLSPORT


Steely glare: Barkley displays the aggressive stance that has taken the Phoenix Suns to the championship finals

The Dream Team at the Olympic Games was ultimately a bit of a bore: a tautological statement of American world dominance and a brilliant new method of selling plimsolls. But this was the real thing.

Already, people are calling it the greatest game of basketball in history — at least, they are if they were on the winning side. "I didn't care who won or lost," said "Sir" Charles Barkley, momentarily stepping out of his ghetto warlord persona.

Though he did, in fact, win. This was the third game of the National Basketball Association finals, between the overwhelmingly-favoured Chicago Bulls and the Phoenix Suns. The Bulls — Michael Jordan's lot — won the first two games of the best-of-seven series away in Phoenix. Now back in Chicago, they were expected to take the championship for the third successive time in four successive games: a sweep and a three-peat, in the vernacular.

But in an extraordinary game of blaring tensions, bulldozing aggression and the very prettiest of skills, the Phoenix Suns won in the third period of extra time to make the final score 129-121. This is only the second triple-overtime win in the history of the finals.

It was well worth watching. In Barcelona, we had the dismal spectacle of Jordan and Barkley ganging up to wallop Angola and Lithuania. But here in Chicago, they were on opposite sides: two huge men, made still more colossal by their utter self-confidence, a pair of shaven-pated, muscular, long-limbed billionaires.

In basketball, as in any team game, all players are equal and some are more equal than others. Each of these two smooth-skulled stars played his rivetingly watchable part in this cacophonous occasion, but it was Barkley's night. "I haven't played a game this long since I was back in the hood hooping with the brothers," he said.

Each man is one half of T. S. Eliot's Macavity the Mystery Cat: "He's broken every human law, he breaks the law of gravity." Barkley specialises in breaking human laws. He is prone to outrageous statements and public argument. At his best, he plays in a mood of half-controlled fury. Jordan mostly confines himself to his single-handed campaign to discredit the law of gravity: more Glenn Hoddle than Vinnie Jones, he plays with pure joy in his perfectly extraordinary skills. On Sunday night, Jordan scored 44 points. Barkley, however, won.

He did so with his right elbow hidden under a huge bandage. After a bad fall in the second game of the series, he had fluid drained from the joint half an hour before the start on Sunday, and took the floor rattling with anti-inflammatory pills. "I'm the best one-armed basketball player in the world," he said.

Before the mighty third game began, it seemed that the Bulls had already faced the best of Barkley and withstood. But this time, Barkley, in pain and palpably a fraction off his game — a fraction is an awful lot at this level — drove and lifted his team with the sort of hunger and aggression that can occasionally light up every sport ever played.

Indeed, I was reminded for a crazy moment of England on the last day of the first Test match. Underdogs either accept their role as second best, or they come out to defy it. England, Gooch apart, accepted it. The Phoenix Suns and Sir Charles did not.

Barkley has been given the Runyonesque title of The Round Mound of Rebound, for his no-hair haircut and for his voracious hunger for the loose ball. Possession is obviously the key part of basketball, and on Sunday night in Chicago, Barkley, striking like a pike, grabbed 19 rebounds. That was the game's killer-stat.

And it was Barkley who finally took the stuffing out the Bulls in that endless third period of overtime. The play looked simplicity itself: he stole a pass intended for Jordan — "I knew it was coming" — and dropped the ball home with the nonchalance of a man putting a penny on the collection plate. That gave the Suns a five-point lead, and it finished the Bulls.

When at last it was over, his arm was packed with ice, and the elbow will be drained every day. The next game in the series is here in Chicago tomorrow. Despite Sunday's banquet of a game, Sir Charles remains hungry. The Suns' head coach, Paul Westphal, was asked for his opinion of Barkley's match-winning performance. "I'm amazed," he said. "But I'm not surprised."

Formula One has bad sense of timing

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN MONTREAL

AS THE squabbling Formula One factions returned to Europe yesterday to pursue their arguments over the legality of advanced technical aspects of their cars, drivers and team members alike reflected on the perverse sense of bad timing afflicting Fisa, the sport's governing body.

Not only did officials choose the only grand prix now run in North America, a market they are desperate to break into, as a forum to air their dirty washing in public, they did it on the first weekend of the year when Formula One was in direct competition with the rival IndyCar series and the looming presence of Nigel Mansell.

The furore of Fisa's peremptory declaration that active suspension and traction control may be illegal persuaded at least one potential big sponsor to abandon plans to attend the Canadian grand prix and overshadowed the race itself.

"I just do not understand what they are trying to achieve. It is very bad for the image of the sport," the race winner, Alain Prost, said afterwards. "We all want 26 cars driving close together but what we are showing to the people outside with this arguing is not very good. We need a better show."

There is widespread agreement, Frank Williams and McLaren's Ron Dennis excepted, that something needs to be done to revive Formula One. "We have got to get all this technical stuff out," Niki Lauda, of Ferrari, said yesterday. "We've got to get the drivers back in control of the driving."

Danny Sullivan's IndyCar triumph in Detroit made him the fifth driver to win one of the six races run this season. Only Prost and Ayrton Senna have won in seven Formula One races.

FORMULA ONE STANDINGS: Drivers: 1, A Prost (Fr), 47pts; 2, A Senna (Br), 42; 3, D Hill (GB), 22; 4, M Schumacher (Ger), 20; 5, M Blundle (GB), 7; equal 6, M Blundell (GB) and J Herbert (GB), 6; equal 8, J J Lehto (Fin), R Patrese (It), C Fittipaldi (Br) and G Berger (Austria), 5; 12, J Alesi (Fr), 4; equal 13, P Alliot (Fr), F Barbazza (It) and M Andretti (US), 2; equal 16, A Zanardi (It) and K Wendlinger (Austria), 1. Constructors: 1, Williams, 69pts; 2, McLaren, 44; 3, Benetton, 25; 4, Ligier, 13; 5, Ferrari, 8; equal 6, Lotus and Minardi, 7; 8, Sauber, 6; 9, Larrousse, 2.
INDYCAR STANDINGS: Drivers: 1, N Mansell (GB), 71pts; 2, R Boesel (Br), 68; 3, Mario Andretti (US), 57; 4, E Fittipaldi (Br), 51; 5, R Rahal (US), 46; 6, A Luyendyk (Holl), 37; 7, A Unser Jr (US), 35; 8, T Fabi (It), 34; 9, D Sullivan (US), 28; 10, P Tracy (US), 26; 11, R Gordon, (US), 22; 12, J Vasser, (US), 19.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Forest put Keane's £5m move on hold

ROY Keane's hopes of securing his footballing future before leaving with the Ireland squad for their World Cup match in Lithuania tomorrow have not been fulfilled. Nottingham Forest dashed any hope of that yesterday by insisting that Keane cannot move until they have reached agreement with one of the prospective bidders.

Arsenal, Aston Villa and Manchester United have all expressed interest, but there seems little doubt that Blackburn remain Keane's choice. The player has agreed personal terms with the Lancashire club, which is believed to have offered him nearly £10,000 a week over a four-year contract. Blackburn, however, have not yet agreed terms with Forest, who are expecting a new British transfer record fee of around £5 million for their midfield player. Keane is under contract until October 31.

England's under-21 side will attempt to win the Toulon tournament for the third time in four years when they meet France in the final this evening. England are unbeaten in nine matches.

Dry view of washout

TENNIS: With more than half a century of Wimbledon experience between them, the Amritraj brothers, of India, were among the few players who remained unruffled by the torrential rain which put paid to the first day of Wimbledon qualifying at Roehampton yesterday. "The weather has only surprised me once," Anand said. "In 1976, it failed to rain at all." As the covers submerged under one large puddle, young hopefuls sat in the pavilion kicking their heels in frustration. The brothers are looking to collect the over-35 title that has so far eluded them. "I may have a crack at the main doubles with Vasudevan just for a bit of fun, though," he said, with a refreshingly *laissez-faire* attitude.

O'Bree to chase record

CYCLING: Graeme O'Bree, the Scot who designs and builds his own bikes, could upstage Chris Boardman, the Olympic champion, in his attempt to break the world one-hour record of 31.96 miles set by Francesco Moser, of Italy, in Mexico City nine years ago. The one-hour race is regarded as the blue riband in cycling. Boardman is scheduled to race on July 23; O'Bree is planning an attempt a week earlier. Moser's record was set at altitude but, like Boardman, O'Bree plans a sea level attempt, either in Athens, or Bordeaux. In May, O'Bree improved his national one hour figures to 49.383km (30.86 miles) at Herne Hill, London.

Rider's breakthrough

EQUESTRIANISM: Ferdi Eilberg, from Warwickshire, became the first British dressage rider for five years to win a Grand Prix Special when he and Arun Tor, owned by Vivien Sturt, won in Rennes on Sunday. Eilberg, born in Germany, acquired British nationality four years ago. He overcame rain-soaked conditions to finish two marks ahead of Susanne Lebek, of Germany, on Fashion. The last Briton to win a Special was David Hunt at Rotterdam in 1988.

☐ Lord King has been elected president of the British Showjumping Association in succession to Lt-Col Sir John Miller, who has completed a four-year term of office.

Blow for Ballesteros

GOLF: Seve Ballesteros has slipped out of the top 20 in the Sony World rankings for the first time since 1986. Ballesteros's poor run of form has pushed him down to 21st place, with a points average of 7.30. He is nearly 15 behind Nick Faldo, the Open champion, who leads the rankings. Bernhard Langer, of Germany, lies second with 16.83 and Greg Norman, of Australia, third with 14.65. Sam Torrance, the leader in the Volvo European Order of Merit after his victory in the Honda Open in Hamburg — his third title of the European Tour season — has leapt from 108th to 54th place.

Willing and ancient

GOLF: Royal Blackheath, the oldest golf club in England, played host yesterday to some of the oldest golfers in Britain. The second Lawrence Batley over-80s championship attracted 74 players — and this time they all lived to tell the tale. The inaugural event at Moortown, Leeds, last year was marred by the death of an 81-year-old. One player did need the attention of a nurse after "toppling over" but continued his round and a caddie was hit in the face by a ball and went to hospital. The oldest competitor was Gerald Pitchforth, an astrologer, who at 91 manages nine holes twice a week at Ferndown. Bob Church, 82, of Little Aston, was the winner.

Ireland v Scotland

EGLINTON (*final day of three*): *Ireland drew with Scotland*

IRELAND: First Innings 327 for 9 dec (M P Rea 115, D A Lewis 56; G M Hamilton 5-86)

Second Innings

M P Rea run out	2
D J Curry c Orr b Govan	41
D A Lewis st Orr b Govan	73
N G Doak st Orr b Govan	25
S J S Warke b Govan	14
M F Cohen not out	1
Extras (lb 11, w 1)	12
Total (5 wkts dec)	168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-57, 3-129, 4-161, 5-168.

BOWLING: Rea 11-0-55-0; Hamilton 11-3-35-0; Bevan 3-0-14-0; Russell 5-0-19-0; Govan 15.5-4-34-4.

SCOTLAND: First Innings

B M W Patterson c Jackson b McCrum	0
I L Philip lbw b McCrum	16
*A C Storie c Doak b McCrum	19
G Salmond c Doak b Hoey	39
J D Love b Hoey	14
A B Russell b Curry	9
J D Govan c Lewis b Harrison	50
I R Bevan c Jackson b Moore	16
†D A Orr c Rea b Hoey	14
G M Hamilton c Jackson b Harrison	0
A Bee not out	12
Extras (b 9, w 4, nb 14)	27
Total	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-31, 3-65, 4-95, 5-110, 6-124, 7-165, 8-200, 9-200.

Bowling: McCrum 17-3-56-3; Moore 20-11-34-1; Hoey 32.1-12-68-3; Lewis 2-0-17-0; Harrison 19-7-20-2; Curry 8-4-12-1.

Second Innings

B M W Patterson c Warke b Hoey	43
I L Philip b Harrison	14
A C Storie not out	40
G Salmond c Hoey b Harrison	8
J D Love not out	14
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 2, nb 4)	13
Total (3 wkts)	130

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-63, 3-80.

BOWLING: McCrum 10-3-26-0; Moore 9-4-19-0; Harrison 10.2-31-2; Hoey 14-0-43-1; Curry 4-8-4-0, Doak 1-1-0-0; Cohen 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: B Arlow and H Henderson.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Surrey v Glamorgan

THE OVAL (*final day of four*): *Surrey (6pts) draw with Glamorgan (4)*

SURREY: First Innings 282 (G P Thorpe 104, A J Stewart 75; R P Lefebvre 4-70)

Second Innings 310 for 6 dec (D J Bicknell 87, A W Smith 57 not out, M P Bicknell 53 not out, A J Stewart 52)

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 166 (P A Cottey 70; Waqar Younis 5-80)

Second Innings

S P James c Stewart b M P Bicknell	2
*H Morris c Stewart b Waqar	7
A Dale c Ward b M P Bicknell	2
†V A Richards not out	44
P A Cottey c Stewart b Waqar	23
R D B Croft not out	14
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (4 wkts)	93

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-11, 3-11, 4-84.
BOWLING: Waqar Younis 10-2-32-2; M P Bicknell 13-3-44-2; Thorpe 4-0-13-0; Smith 1-0-3-0.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and R Palmer.

No play yesterday

CHESTERFIELD Yorkshire 154 for 8 (D E Malcolm 4-57) v Derbyshire. Derbyshire (2pts) drew with Yorkshire (0).

GATESHEAD FELL Durham 234 (P W G Parker 109; N F Williams 4-73) and 11 for no wkt; Middlesex first innings forfeited. Durham (1pt) drew with Middlesex (4)

BASINGSTOKE Kent 275 (C L Hooper 87, N R Taylor 57; S D Udal 4-83); Hampshire 232 for 7 (M C J Nicholas 73). Hampshire (5pts) drew with Kent (6).

OLD TRAFFORD Lancashire 321 (N J Speak 99, N H Fairbrother 63; S J W Andrew 7-47) and 129 for 3; Essex 304 for 6 dec (G A Gooch 68, D R Pringle 65 not out) Lancashire (5pts) drew with Essex (7).

HOVE Northamptonshire 447 for 6 (R J Bailey 200, N A Felton 109, A J Lamb 60) v Sussex. Sussex (2pts) drew with Northamptonshire (4)

WORCESTER Overnight, Worcestershire 207 for 6 (G A Hick 104 not out; W K M Benjamin 5-67) Worcestershire (1pt) drew with Leicestershire (2).

Tetley Bitter Challenge

BRISTOL Gloucestershire 211 (B C Broad 60, S K Warne 5-61, M G Hughes 4-27); Australians 400 (D C Boon 70, M E Waugh 66, M L Hayden 57, D R Martyn 51; J M de La Perla 4-77). Gloucestershire drew with the Australians.

University matches

FENNER'S Nottinghamshire 200 for 5 dec (P R Pollard 104 not out); Cambridge University 51 for 2. Cambridge University drew with Nottinghamshire.

THE PARKS (*second day of three*): Oxford University v Warwickshire.

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Glamorgan (14)	6	3	1	2	11	20	79
Middlesex (11)	6	3	0	3	8	23	75
Somerset (9)	5	3	2	0	5	20	74
Kent (2)	5	3	2	0	5	20	67
*Notts (4)	5	2	2	1	5	15	62
Surrey (13)	5	2	2	1	4	18	66
Northants (3)	5	2	2	1	2	12	63
Lancashire (12)	5	2	2	1	2	11	59
*Worcs (17)	6	2	3	1	2	14	61
Warwicks (6)	5	2	2	1	4	13	57
Yorkshire (16)	5	2	2	1	2	7	55
Essex (1)	5	2	1	2	2	14	53
Derbyshire (5)	6	1	2	3	5	16	52
Hampshire (15)	6	1	2	3	3	11	50
Sussex (7)	5	1	2	2	3	10	47
Leics (8)	5	1	3	1	1	8	41
Durham (18)	5	0	3	2	3	8	41
Glouc (10)	5	0	4	1	4	12	37

*4pts for a tied match

Essex impose fine of £250 on Foster

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Foster had time on a rainy Monday yesterday to reflect on the perversity of a game in which a single day's bowling that brought him no wickets and a fine for losing his temper could also resurrect his England career.

Essex yesterday announced Foster's punishment for demolishing a set of stumps with his right boot at Old Trafford last week, the explosive upshot of a desperately unlucky day which, plainly, made an impression on the Essex and England captain, Graham Gooch.

Foster has been fined £250, an amount which would have hurt a great deal more had he not been told, 24 hours earlier, that he was to earn seven times that much for five days' work at Lord's in the second Test. Essex say they now consider the matter closed and, as the club acted promptly, the Test and County Cricket Board is likely to agree.

Speculation that Graeme Hick will be unfit to play at Lord's is exaggerated. He does have a cracked bone in his toe but Dave Roberts, the England and Worcestershire physiotherapist, says it is not jeopardising his place.

Australia still have concern over their wicketkeeper, Ian Healy, who has a chipped bone in his right thumb. Yesterday, their coach, Bob Simpson, said: "He has a 60-40 chance." Rain at Bristol yesterday meant that Craig McDermott will go into the second Test without a wicket in 74 overs.

The Oval was the only English ground where play was possible yesterday, but not enough of it, with Richards standing firm, to allow Surrey to force the win over Glamorgan which would have given them joint-leadership of the championship.

Sussex have ended the contract of their fast bowler, Andy Robson, for disciplinary reasons.

Lions experiment with Leonard

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW PLYMOUTH

THERE will have been a wry smile from Jeff Probyn when he heard the British Isles selection for tomorrow's game at Rugby Park here against Taranaki. Jason Leonard, England's loose-head prop in 25 internationals, is to play at tight-head forward in what amounts to a tacit admission that the selectors were wrong.

Probyn, the Wasps and England tight-head prop, might have made two Lions tours; injury denied him in 1989 and, to resounding cheers in New Zealand, who were not looking forward to playing against him, he was overlooked for this tour. Paul Burnell and Peter Wright were selected ahead of him, Wright for his ability to play on either side of the scrum; now Wright reverts to his Scotland position of loose-head and there would scarcely be a point in playing Leonard out of position unless he was being considered for the international XV.

The team management were understandably muted about the transposition. "It's just another combination," Geoff Cooke said. "We're looking for more stability in the scrums but we're well aware Taranaki have two good props and if it's not working, we'll switch them back."

Both Leonard and Nick Popplewell have played up to expectation here whereas the right-hand side of the scrum has lacked security. That does not matter as much as it did because there are far fewer scrums under the new laws but the scrum remains an important offensive area, both physically and psychologically.

Leonard has played no more than half a dozen senior matches at tight-head, the last of them during the 1991 World Cup when he moved across against Italy to cover for the injured Probyn. But he played much of his junior rugby in that position and, though he accepts it is more difficult, his philosophy is to give it a try against Mark "Bull" Allen (we are in prime beef country here), the Taranaki captain.

If the Lions succeed in turning him into a tight-head, there is every possibility that England, too, may consider him as successor to Probyn, now 37. But Leonard is more than just a talented scrummager: his lineout work is invaluable and he makes a significant number of tackles for a prop.

A number of players — Brian Moore, Martin Johnson and Scott Gibbs among them — will be hoping to re-ignite their international ambitions, although Gibbs is still not happy that last week's ankle injury is fully recovered, though he trained in heavy rain yesterday, as did Stuart Barnes who has had the stitches removed from his head wound and will captain the side.

The medical team has also cleared Robert Jones, who has been suffering from a throat infection. A second set of blood tests yesterday showed no abnormalities, though his condition last Saturday, which was distinctly jaundiced, left the management much relieved that he was not required as a replacement for Dewi Morris.

Andy Nicol, fresh from Scotland's tour of the South Pacific, joined the Lions last night and will travel with them to Auckland on Thursday. "It would have been stupid for him to fly back to the UK then find we had a problem," Cooke said. "He will stay until we are certain Robert is OK."

Two of Taranaki's better backs are injured but they have had some solid preparation in the shape of a South Pacific tour and four domestic games — including a defeat against Wellington.

TARANAKI: K Crowley; A Martin, K Mahon, K Eynon, D Murfitt; J Cameron, W Dombrosk; M Allen (captain), S McDonald, G Slater, A Slater, J Rosche, B O'Sullivan, F Mehrtens, N Hill.

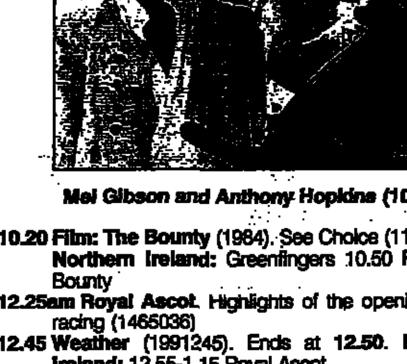
BRITISH ISLES: A Clement (Swansea); R Wallace (Gerrycrown), V Cunningham (St Mary's College), S Gibbs (Swansea), T Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath, captain), R Jones (Swansea); P Wright (Boroughmuir), B Moore (Harlequins), J Leonard (Harlequins), M Teague (Moseley), M Johnson (Leicester), D Cronin (London Scottish), R Webster (Swansea), M Galway (Shannon).

Referee: S Walsh (Wellington).

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (27775)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70381689)
9.05 Morning Surgery. A look behind the scenes of the work of paramedics (7380405) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** Clive Fretwell and Mark Gregory prepare mouth-watering desserts (s) (8875863) **9.45 Whatever Happened To . . ?** Kenneth Kendall looks at stories that were once headline news (s) (3969641)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8711009) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7947221) **10.30 Tales of Aesop.** Animated version of *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse* (r) (2076047)
10.35 Gardeners' World Live. The first of four daily reports from the Birmingham NEC (s) (6225738)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1388950) **11.05 Carol and Co.** American comedy drama starring Carol Burnett (4391080) **11.30 Best of British.** Classic criminal film clips (6912)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5488347) **12.05 Rediscovery of the World.** Jacques Cousteau explores the waters around Cuba (4894844) **12.55 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (72130047)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (44196) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83141660)
1.50 Royal Ascot. Live coverage of four races on the opening day of the meeting — the 2.30, 3.05, 3.45 and, on BBC2, the 4.20 (46789554)
4.00 Cartoon (6234955) **4.10 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (1271349) **4.20 Watt On Earth.** Episode nine (r) (s) (2943405) **4.35 The Legend Of Prince Valiant.** Animated adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (2794776)
5.00 Newsround (4278009) **5.10 Activ-8.** Includes land-yacht racing. (Ceefax) (s) (9807370)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (812844). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (660)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (912). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Wildlife 100: The Water Walkers. Spectacular photography reveals the world of creatures that live on the surface of ponds (r). (Ceefax) (2414)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (196)
8.00 The Good Life. A repeat of the first episode of the suburban comedy starring Richard Briers, Felicity Kendall, Paul Eddington and Penelope Keith (6554)
8.30 May To December. Age-gap romantic comedy series starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5689)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News *with Michael Buerk.* (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5047)
9.30 999. Michael Buerk introduces another selection of reconstructions of incidents involving Britain's emergency services. (Ceefax) (s) (514950)

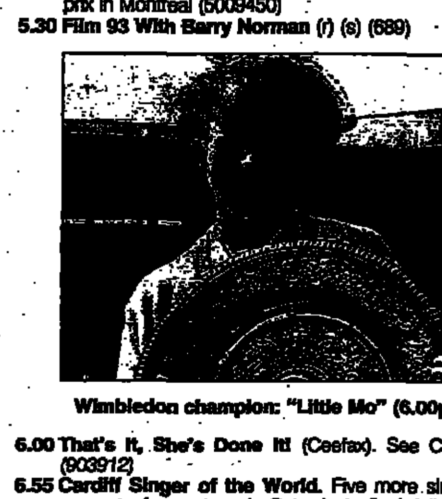


Mel Gibson and Anthony Hopkins (10.20pm)

10.20 Film: The Bounty (1984). See Choice (11552660). **Northern Ireland:** Greenfingers 10.50 Film: The Bounty
12.25am Royal Ascot. Highlights of the opening day's racing (1465036)
12.45 Weather (1991245). Ends at **12.50. Northern Ireland:** 12.55-1.15 Royal Ascot
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (47577) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (20871)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Science of Synthetic Fibres (9387221) **7.10** Food for Fish Farming (8847711) **7.35** Geology of the Alps (1941467)
8.00 Breakfast News (4413931)
8.15 Westminster (6790028)
9.00 Daytime On Two: Lifeschool Special (8853641) **9.25** Landmarks (7382863) **9.45** You and Me (3967283) **10.00** Topics for Tutorials (2842757) **10.15** Out of the Doll's House (6483776) **10.40** Zig Zag (2811009) **11.00** Watch (s) (1452554) **11.15** Short Circuit (2927660) **11.40** Weather Watch (4593009) **11.50** Mexico Vivo (9658370) **12.15** Q and A (s) (1363863) **12.25** Lifeschool (s) (9726689) **12.50** Teaching Today (s) (8372979) **1.20** Just-So Stories (69590405) **1.30** The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (54573824) **1.35** Crystal Tipps and Alistair (55923365) **1.40** Landmarks (83130554)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (85789680) **2.15 The Collectors.** Children's street songs and games collected by Adam McNaughton (r) (25157592) **2.30 See Hear!** (r) (s) (573)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2061399) followed by **Westminster Live.** (Ceefax) (8944080) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8162399)
4.00 Royal Ascot. Live coverage of the Coventry Stakes (4.20) (s) (2405825)
4.35 Grand Prix. Highlights of Sunday's Canadian grand prix in Montreal (5009450)
5.30 Film 93 With Barry Norman (r) (s) (689)



Wimbledon champion: "Little Mo" (6.00pm)

6.00 That's It, She's Done It! (Ceefax). See Choice (903912)
6.55 Cardiff Singer of the World. Five more singers compete for a place in Saturday's final. With the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra conducted by Guido Ajmone-Marsan (s) (951860)
7.45 Assignment: The Brotherhood. Nick Clarke investigates allegations that India's Bharatiya Janata party, the country's biggest in opposition, is controlled by a sinister organisation — a group known as the Brotherhood (346399)
8.30 Delia Smith's Summer Collection. Recipes for days in the summer that are more like winter, including a spicy curry. (Ceefax) (s) (6931)
9.00 Quantum Leap. Off-beat American science fiction series starring Scott Bakula. (Ceefax) (453009)
9.45 Adultery. (Ceefax) See Choice (887318)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (521660)
11.15 The Late Show. The Italian Week continues with Nick Hornby analysing the Serie A soccer and novelist Dacia Maraini on politics and writing in Italy (s) (689318) **11.55 Weather** (304405)
12.00 Designs and Decisions. The funding and construction of London's Docklands Light Railway (r) (47974). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE



Betrayal: Ray Gosling with Claudette (BBC2, 9.45pm)

Adultery: Breaking Up
BBC2, 9.45pm

In column inches of advance publicity this four-part series has rivalled only *Lady Chatterley*. The British public, it seems, cannot have enough of other people's extra-marital affairs. The makers of *Adultery* insist that it is not meant to be titillating but they are treading a fine line. This is no marriage guidance video. The host is the idiosyncratic Ray Gosling. He is first seen in a woolly hat, hearing the confessions of a cheating pigeon-fancier. Later he strips off for a plunge pool rendezvous with a chap who argues that a bit on the side is essential to a stable relationship. The willingness of people to divulge to the camera what they would hardly tell their best friends makes for riveting television. But you may begin to wonder whether you are watching for the best reasons.

That's It, She's Done It!
BBC2, 6.00pm

The excited words of Dan Maskell, uttered to confirm Virginia Wade's 1977 triumph, herald a retrospective of 100 years of women at Wimbledon. Ladies, as they were long called, first competed in 1884, seven years after the men. Suspension of the tournament during the two world wars means that this year's women's singles will be the 100th. The story is told by Barry Davies. The pioneering years of Suzanne Lenglen, Helen Wills-Moody and their impossibly long skirts, are evoked in flickering black-and-white film. The footage improves, and so does the tennis, as we reach the 1950s and "Little Mo" Connolly. Recent champions, including Billie-Jean King, Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova, evoke the modern era.

The Bounty
BBC1, 10.20pm

The third cinema version of the mutiny on *The Bounty* is an attempt to revise history and put in a sympathetic word for Captain Bligh. Usually cast as the villain, a role eagerly taken in previous films by Charles Laughton and Trevor Howard, the captain here emerges as a flawed figure deserving of some pity. Fletcher Christian, on the other hand, is no longer the romantic hero but a weak and reluctant mutineer egged on by the crew. Their relationship is explored in a thoughtful screenplay by Robert Bolt and strongly acted by Anthony Hopkins as Bligh and Mel Gibson as Christian. The film was a long-cherished project of David Lean but it was eventually made by a young New Zealand director, Roger Donaldson.

Rear Window: The Khalili Collection
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Dr Sabiha Khemir is the writer and presenter of a lucid survey of Islamic art, based on the important private collection of Nasser David Khalili. Dr Khemir is an enthusiastic guide, equally persuasive on aesthetics and cultural production. She usefully prefaces her talk with a potted history of Islamic conquest, providing a background against which the story unfolds. She stresses the secular nature of much Islamic art, in contrast to the church-sponsored art of the West. She praises Islamic achievements in calligraphy and demolishes the idea that the art of Islam is non-figurative. There is a second film on the Khalili collection next week. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. This morning's guests include Freddie Starr and Lisa Butcher (1512680)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show hosted by Tom O'Connor (8850554) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7923641)
10.00 Out of This World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl who inherits her alien father's powers (r) (s) (25573)
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine (32170028)
12.10 Wizadora. Children's puppet series (r) (5418196)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (1482644) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (69577496)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (293399) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (285370)
2.15 Heirloom. John Bly assesses the worth of artefacts brought in by the studio audience. He is joined by clock expert Simon Bull (217979) **2.45 Families.** Soap set in the north of England and Australia (s) (2598486)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2072405) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2071776) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Australian drama serial (7151912)
3.50 The Gingerbread Man (r) (Teletext) (s) (8159825) **4.00 The Raggy Dolls** (r) (s) (2925009) **4.15 Hulk Hogan** (r) (9152979) **4.40 Finders Keepers.** Hectic game show (1851467)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8755776)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (415080)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes a report on the pop video it is hoped will help trace London's missing children. Plus guest Sarah Brightman. (Teletext) (61202)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (5202)
7.30 London Wildlife Challenge. Bill Oddie, Chris Packham and Tony Hare go bird-spotting within the boundary of the M25 looking for 75 different species between 3.00am and noon (s) (592)



Overtime ban: Jonathan Dow, right (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Mouth and Trousers. Sun Hill officers have to deal with two feuding families but PC Stringer (Jonathan Dow) is more interested in trying to circumvent the ban on overtime (Teletext) (4950)
8.30 Film: Police Academy 5 — Assignment Miami Beach (1988) starring Matt McCoy and Janet Jones. Continuing the comedy series. In this, Commandant Lassard receives an award at the annual Police Chiefs' convention in Miami at the same time his academy recruits are taking a holiday in the area. Directed by Alan Myerson (66738)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (36028) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (389776)
10.40 Film: That's Life (1986) starring Jack Lemmon and Julie Andrews. Drama about a 60-year-old architect, obsessed with the thought of old age and failure, unaware that his singer wife has a malignant throat tumour. Directed by Blake Edwards (81457202)
12.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (9325993)
1.30 The Little Picture Show (28332)
2.30 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (r) (85332)
3.00 Film: A Matter of Choice (1963, b/w) starring Anthony Steel. British B-movie drama about how five people's lives become tragically intertwined by the decision of a married woman to meet her lover while her husband is working. Directed by Vernon Sewell (45055) **4.00 The Beat** (r) (s) (69177)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (15516)
5.30 ITN Morning News (42429). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w) (67738)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules (2548554)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (67047)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (s) (46405)
9.30 Schools (929660)
12.00 The Parliament Programme (26641)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (r) (96689) **1.30 Take Five** Cartoons (50196)
2.00 Film: Night Beat (1948, b/w) starring Maxwell Reed and Ronald Howard. Crime drama about two former second world war comrades who end up on different sides of the law — one as a policeman, the other a black marketeer. Directed by Harold Huth (85641)
3.30 Really Rosie. Animated tale with music written and sung by Carole King (486)
4.00 The Trial of Peter Rabbit. A *Survival* documentary about a year in the life of a family of rabbits living in a warren in Wimpole, Cambridgeshire (r) (221)
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (405)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are the hostess's crimper and beautician who transform her stage manager Sally into a glamorous television star. (Teletext) (s) (7057301)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (947370)
6.00 Mork and Mindy American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (370)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana. Surreal-type comedy (s) (950)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (864979)
7.50 Comment Patrick Jenn argues that the only way to save the traditional country pub is to do away with the jukeboxes and gaming machines and reinstate "real" beer (400979)
8.00 People First: Breaking the Silence. Documentary series on disability issues. This programme follows the stories of four people who felt disadvantaged and disempowered when reporting abuse (Teletext) (2592)
8.30 The World in a Garden. The second of a four-part series following the restoration of the garden of Biddulph Grange in Staffordshire to its former glory (r). (Teletext) (s) (8399)



Tour of Islamic art: Dr Sabiha Khemir (9.00pm)

9.00 Rear Window: The Khalili Collection — Dispersed By Time. See Choice (471405)
9.45 Four-Mations Winners: Screen Play. A season of award-winning animations begins with Barry Purves's Oscar-nominated story of unrequited love (s) (281592)
10.00 Film: Sexual Advances (1992) starring Stephanie Zimbalist and William Russ. Drama about a happily married sports company executive whose personal life and career are thrown into turmoil when she is submitted to a campaign of sexual harassment by a colleague. Directed by Donna Deitch (Teletext) (s) (976592)
11.40 Dream On. Adult comedy about the love life of a divorced New York publisher. Starring Brian Benben. (Teletext) (s) (547028)
12.15am Four-Mations Winners: Alice (1988). Animator Jan Svankmajer's feature-length exploration of the dark undercurrents of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* using cartoon characters and an actress (Kristyna Kohoutova) (336516)
1.50 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). The guests are Peggy King, Billy Preston and Cornel Wilde (7598448). Ends at **2.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8755776) **6.00** Home and Away (219009) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (177660) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (592) **10.40** Isle of Man TT (643221) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (463775) **12.35** Film: That Secret Sunday (231622) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2182351) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (3265448) **4.15** Nite Bites (45256806) **4.30** Riviera (15949777) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1916351)

BORDER
As London except: **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (7151912) **6.00** Lookaround (888) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (680) **7.30-8.00** Ronan on the Road (592) **12.35** Film: That Secret Sunday (231622) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2182351) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (3265448) **4.15** Nite Bites (45256806) **4.30** Riviera (15949777) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1916351)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (293399) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (285370) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7151912) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8755776) **6.00** Home and Away (219009) **6.25-7.00** Central News (177660) **7.30-8.00** Home Run (592) **12.35** Tennis (8313158) **1.35** The Big E (4182535) **2.35** Sport AM (3714764) **3.35** Wild America (6816608) **4.10** Jobfinder (7285326) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (563426)

GRANADA
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (293399) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (285370) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2598486) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (7151912) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (8755776) **6.00** Home and Away (888) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (680) **7.30-8.00** Travellers' Check (592) **12.35** Film: That Secret Sunday (231622) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2182351) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (3265448) **4.15** Night Bites (45256806) **4.30** Riviera (15949777) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1916351)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (285370) **6.00** HTV News (660) **6.30-7.00** Fit to Win (680) **7.30-8.00** The Great Little Trains of Wales (592) **10.40** Night Heat (643221) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (463775) **12.35** Film: That Secret Sunday (James Farentino, Parker Stevenson, Daphne Ashbrook) (231622) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2182351) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (3265448) **4.15** Nite Bites (45256806) **4.30** Riviera (15949777) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1916351)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: **6.00** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Three's Company **7.30-8.00** Challenge of the Seas

MERIDIAN
As London except: **6.00** Meridian Tonight (888) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (680) **7.30-8.00** Loud and Clear (592) **12.35-1.30** Magnum (9325993) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (15516)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (830592) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (680) *7.30-8.00 Love and War (592) 10.40 Tour of Duty* (17601196) **12.25** Comedy Tonight (1193245) **12.55** The Little Picture Show (9223581) **1.55** Sledge Hammer (7580429) **2.25** 60 Minutes (4259210) **3.20** Countdown (9607988) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7274210)

ULSTER
As London except: **1.45-2.15** Fair City (285370) **3.20-3.50** Movies, Movies, Movies (7151912) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (61202) **7.30-8.00** Once Upon a Place (592) **10.40** Disappearing World: War (643221) **11.40** Crime Story (463775) **12.35** Film: That *Secret Sunday (231622) 2.20 The Little* Picture Show (2182351) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (3265448) **4.15** Nite Bites (45256806) **4.30** Riviera (15949777) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.45-2.15** The Young Doctors (285370) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7151912) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live. (61202) **7.30-8.00** Brief Encounters (592) **12.35** Film: That Secret Sunday (231622) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2182351) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (3265448) **4.15** Nite Bites (45256806) **4.30** Riviera (15949777) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1916351)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **5.55** Calendar (830592) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (680) **7.30-8.00** Love and War (592) **10.40** Tour of Duty (17601196) **12.25** Comedy Tonight (*1193245*) *12.55 The Little Picture Show* (9223581) **1.55** Sledge Hammer (7580429) **2.25** 60 Minutes (12244413) **3.20** Countdown (3470264) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7274210)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (67047) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (46405) **9.30** Ysgolion (929660) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (26641) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (51825) **1.00** Sesame Street (48080) **2.00** Film: Johnny Apollo (343863) **3.40** Oprah Winfrey Show (7414196) **4.30** Happy Days (405) **5.00** *Fifteen To One (3080) 5.30 The Real World* (757) **6.00** Newyddion (685405) **6.10** Heno (297863) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3844) **7.30** Mwy O Swigs (219554) **7.55** Almanac (241405) **8.30** Newyddion (350660) **8.55** Rasus (485047) **9.45** Fourmations (281592) **10.00** The Golden Palace (27370) **10.30** Belderbecke Connection (34080) **11.30** Sin with Bruce Morton: Sloth (697405) **11.55** Testimonies (753467) **12.55** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (96212365) **8.40** Lambchops Play-a-Long (4135202) **9.10** Cartoons (2953641) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (25328) **10.00** Card Sharks (7190554) **10.25** Concentration (7831931) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1687644) **11.00** The Bold and the *Beautiful (43775) 11.30 Falcon Crest (79396)* **12.30pm** E Street (25365) **1.00** Another World (9234592) **1.45** Three's Company (830844) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (518405) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (828009) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8999912) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9047) **6.00** Games World (6889) **6.30** E Street (3711) **7.00** Rescue (4496) **7.30** Full House (6825) **8.00** Murphy Brown (6196) **8.30** Designing Women (8931) **9.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (51863) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (54950) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (96573) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (87486) **8.30** News and Business Report (590467) **9.30** Nightline (97641) **10.00** Dayline (63757) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (57399) **11.30** Business Report (60841) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (51116) **1.30** Good Morning America (52844) **2.30** Parliament Live (1925554) **3.15** Parliament Live (6433844) **4.30** News and Business Report (3738) **5.00** Live at Five (67283) **6.30** News and Business Report (87757) **7.30** Target (4467) **10.30** Nightline (89554) **11.30** ABC News (80931) **12.30am** Beyond 2000 (79055) **1.30** ABC News (71448) **2.30** Target (96806) **3.30** ABC News (91351) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (82608) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (97983)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8042950)
10.00 The Summer My Father Grew Up (1990): Starring John Ritter (25301)
12.00 Primo Baby (1989): A teenage girl trains a blind race horse (70047)
2.00pm Reel Life (1979): Albert Brooks films a typical American family (45202)
4.00 Frankenstein: The College Years (1992): Monster comedy in which medical students re-animate a dead body (4979)
6.00 The Summer My Father Grew Up (as 10am) (32738)
8.00 Hot Shots! (1991): Spoof of *Top Gun* starring Charlie Sheen (37283)
10.00 The Human Shield (1991): Michael Dudikoff attempts to rescue his brother from Iraq on the eve of the Gulf war (888863)
11.35 Cobra (1986). Sylvester Stallone rescues Brigitte Nielsen (321467)
1.05am 52 Pick-Up (1986). Businessman Roy Scheider is blackmailed (329087)
2.50 Emmanuelle 2 (1975): Sylvia Kristel has more sexual adventures (2775719)
4.20 Fugitive Among Us (1991): Peter Strauss and Elizabeth Pena track rapist Eric Roberts (862784). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Anzio (1968). Robert Mitchum witnesses the Allied invasion of Italy (16738)
8.00 Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here (1969). Robert Redford pursues an Indian (11283)
10.00 The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid (1972): Cole Younger, Jesse James and their gang plot a daring bank robbery (61486). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.25am On the Double (1961): Danny Kaye impersonates an English general (38616950)
8.00 Dinosaurs — The Movie (1991). Prehistoric children's adventure (55738)
10.00 The Pleasure of His Company *(1961): Family comedy with Fred Astaire, Lilli* Palmer and Debbie Reynolds (76363370)
12.10pm His Girl Friday (1940, b/w). Newspaper editor Cary Grant tries to win back his former wife, reporter Rosalind Russell (334080)
2.00 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1991): Tom Stoppard's comic slant on Shakespeare's *Hamlet* (43844)
4.00 Dinosaurs — The Movie (as 8am) (5221)
6.00 Texasville (1990): Sequel to *The Last Picture Show* with Jeff Bridges (20070009)
8.10 Sunset Beat (1990): Four police officers patrol Malibu (90419776)
10.00 Rambling Rose (1991): Laura Dern plays a 1930s temptress (604738)
11.55 Foxes (1980): Four girls grow up in small-town America (623283)
1.45am Quiet Days in Clichy (1989): Erotic drama starring Nigel Havers (10435451)
4.00 Beautiful Dreamers (1990): Story of the friendship between a poet and a mental asylum director (33993). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (12383) **7.00** Cycling (24592) **8.00** Jack High (25221) **9.00** Prime Bodies (52689) **9.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (89221) **10.00** US Open Golf. A Recent History 1990 (20554) **11.00** US PGA Golf (84486) **1.00pm** Red Line (98592) **2.00** Golf: Women's Senior Skins Game (250202) **5.00** Kickboxing (6115) **6.00** Wrestling (75028) **7.00** Watersports (97689) **8.00** The Footballers' Football Show (73009) **9.00** Motor World (69689) **9.30** NHRA Drag Racing (70573) **10.00** US Open Golf (as 10am) (89660) **11.00** Team Pool (21283) **12.00-3.00am** Golf: Women's Skins Game (9567719)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (26738) **8.00** Athletics (27689) **9.00** Golf: Honda Open (18370) **10.00** Motor Racing: Canadian Grand Prix (48950) **11.00** IndyCar (35486) **12.00** Eurogoals (64912) **1.00pm** Basketball (73660) **2.00** ATP Tennis (245370) **5.00** Eurogoals (1283) **6.00** Eurofun (1399) **6.30** News (5979) **7.00** Athletics (27467) **9.00** Boxing (71641) **10.00** Snooker (44009) *12.00-12.30am News (38210)*

UK GOLD
7.00am Beverly Hills Teens (3163592) **7.30** Neighbours (3159399) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4208757) **8.30** EastEnders (4207028) **9.00** The Bill (4281080) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (9238202) **10.30** Casualty (1324757) **11.30** Happy Ever After (4759347) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4201844) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6134115) **1.00** EastEnders (3162863) **1.30** The Bill (6133486) **2.00** The Magnificent Evans (4911689) **2.30** Bread (7633863) **3.00** Dallas (3091893) **4.00** Dynasty (5909680) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4895641) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7644979) **6.00** Neighbours (7634592) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (6266486) **7.30** The Magnificent Evans (7621035) **8.00** EastEnders (4991825) **8.30** Bread (4903660) **9.00** Casualty (8759009) **10.00** The Bill (4202573) **10.30** Life Without George (4211221) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (8968825) **11.45** Dr Who: The Mutants (8610592) **12.00** Film: Chatterbox (1936, *b/w) starring Anne Shirley (63884149) 1.15-2.00am* Video Bites (7843177)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (40405) **7.00** Rat Kan II (13863) **9.00** Jack in the Box (56080) **11.00** Stones Without Words (88467) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (89196) **12.00** Secret Valley (26776) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (80216) **2.00** Stones Without Words (4912) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (3312) **3.00** Bobobobs (3654844) **3.25** Ratkan II (38899979) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (85921) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (4028) **6.00-7.00** Fame (15660)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Poetry — Larkin and Hughes
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, presented by Chris de Souza. Including Sibelius (Karelia Suite: Helsinki Radio Symphony Orchestra under Okko Kamu); Telemann (Paris Quartet No 1 in G: Wilbert Hazelzet, flute; Trio Sonnerie); Strauss (Sextet, Capriccio: Scottish National Orchestra under Neeme Jarvi); Britten (Sinfonietta, Op 1: London Mozart Players under Jane Glover)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Grieg. Robert Layton introduces To Spring, Lyric Pieces, Op 43 No 6; In Autumn; Before a Southern Convent, Op 20; Symphonic Dances, Op 64
10.00 Mozart and After: Mozart, arr Heidenreich (Overture, Die *Zauberflöte*); *Artist of the Week*: Fritz Wunderlich, tenor, performs Mozart (Dies Bildnis is bezaubernd schön, Die Zauberflöte); Mozart, arr Heidenreich (Hm, hm, hm, Die Zauberflöte); Mozart (String Quintet in E flat, K614); Mozart (Der Hölle Rache, Die Zauberflöte); Françaix (Hommage à l'ami Papageno); Tchaikovsky (Suite No 4, Mozartiana); Beethoven (Variations on Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K595); Mozart, arr Heidenreich (Pa, Pa, Papageno, Die Zauberflöte)
12.00 John Dowland: Some of Dowland's songs are contrasted with those of Marenzio, Caccini and Monteverdi (r)
1.00 News 1.05 Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Amsterdam under Nikolaus Harnoncourt performs Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat). 1.35 Dvořák on Schubert. 1.40 Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great)
2.45 BBC Festival of Brass: British Nuclear Fuels Ltd Band under Richard Evans performs Eric Ball (The Kingdom Triumphant); Alwyn (The Moor of Venice); Edward Gregson (Prelude and Capriccio); Howarth (Mosaic); John Lunn (Prayer); Eric Ball (High Peak)
3.45 Salve Regina: London Baroque performs contrasting settings of the medieval hymn
4.30 Groovin' High: Alyn Shipton presents the fifth of a six-part tribute to Dizzy Gillespie
5.00 In Tune, with Michael Berkeley
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra in Stuttgart under Andrew Davis performs Strauss (Don Juan); Brahms (Violin Concerto in D: Christian Tetzlaff); Nielsen (Symphony No 5)
9.30 In a Word: Symbolism. Jeremy J. Beadle considers artistic movements of the modern period in the second of five programmes this week
9.50 Maggie Cole, harpsichord, plays Byrd (The Queen's Alman); Handel (Suite No 3 in D minor); J.C. Bach (Sonata in a, Op 17 No 5); Arne (Sonata No 3 in G); Byrd (The Bells)
10.45 Night Waves: Peggy Reynolds considers the influence of the American poet Elizabeth Bishop
11.30 Post and Purist: In the first of seven programmes, Jonathan Swain traces the development of the symphony and symphonic poem. Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor); Liszt (Ce qu'on entend sur la montagne) **12.30am News**
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444 from 8am
10.00-10.30 News; Roads to Freedom (FM only): Joanna Buchan presents the first of two programmes on the white South African lawyer Harold Wolpe, and his wife Marie, who were closely linked to the African National Congress
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Exodus. Read by David Kossoff (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the dancer and choreographer Emlyn Claid. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Word of Mouth: Frank Delaney returns with a new series on the English language **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Barnstaple. Neil McKay's bitter-sweet comedy stars Gwen Taylor. Haunted by lies and driven by grief, Marion undertakes a journey which will force a confrontation with the truth. With Alison Steadman and Wayne Foskett (r)
2.30 Singing for a Living: The Finnish baritone Tom Krause talks about his individual approach to singing and the time he was simultaneously involved in two different productions of *The Marriage of Figaro*
3.00-4.00 Tuesday's Lives (FM only): Joanna Buchan introduces more extraordinary stories. This week she meets Lucy who, rejected by her father, found happiness on the streets of London
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Roddy Doyle's book about a ten-year-old boy, *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha; and listens to the sounds* of the electric guitar
4.45 Short Story: Tomorrow Was Christmas Day, by Roy Kelly. Read by Malcolm Raeburn
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Virgin in the Ice, by Ellis Peters. Michael Hordern narrates the second series of *The Chronicles of Brother Cadfael.* Starring Philip Madoc *as the medieval sleuth (r)*
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Jolyon Jenkins reports
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Truth to Tell: The Great Auk. See Choice
8.45 In Touch: Tony Barringer presents news, views and information for people with a visual handicap
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Tim Bowler *9.59 Weather*
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Witchbroom. Written and read by Lawrence Scott (2/8)
11.00 Stanza: In the last programme of the series Andrew McAllister looks at the song lyric. With the help of the poet and jazz pianist Roy Fisher and singer Ruby Turner
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** *As World Service (LW only)*

Noel Gay: The Original Melody Maker. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
In a 1937 newspaper popularity poll, the songsmith Noel Gay came third — just behind Anthony Eden and Walt Disney. Adrian Edwards's profile of Gay explores this phenomenon through many of the best-sellers that poured out of him and set the nation whistling and humming: hits such as "The Sun has Got his Hat On", "Something About a Soldier", "The Lambeth Walk" and "Run Rabbit Run". His songs, like his assumed surname, were the quintessence of *joie de vivre.* Tonight's programme is of the same order.

Truth to Tell: The Great Auk. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*
As a story-teller, Anthony Smith could make something gripping out of a domestic chore as routine as repairing a dripping kitchen tap. The wiping out by greedy man of the Great Auk, the northern hemisphere's equivalent of the penguin, is a tailor-made subject for Smith. Few others would have gone to the trouble of unearthing the sad and brutal fact that the Great Auk was literally made to walk the plank on the way to its own extinction, which ultimately occurred on June 3, 1844. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00am** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jackie Brambles **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Loose Talk (r) **9.00** David Bowie Story (5/6) (r) **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Simply Ballroom **7.30** Behind the Hits **8.00** Posties of the Year Awards **9.00** Noel Gay. See Choice **10.00** Walking on Sunshine **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newshour **6.30** Morning Edition **9.30** Schools: Infant Science — See for Yourself; **9.15** First Steps in Drama; **9.35** Wordplay; **9.45** Singing Together **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Sporting Albums: Peter Scudamore **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** Royal Ascot: **2.30** Queen Anne Stakes; **3.05** Prince of Wales's Stakes; **3.45** St James's Palace Stakes; **4.20** Coventry Stakes; **4.55** King Edward VII Stakes **5.00** Five Aside **6.30** The Mail (final part) **7.15** Finders Keepers (2/5) **7.30** Talking Poetry **8.00** Cult Radio: Led Zeppelin Special **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Rock Salad **8.00** News **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Hallowed Ground **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Growing Points in Medicine **10.30** The Learning World **10.45** Sport **11.01** Discovery **11.30** *BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Business Update* **Noon** News **12.30pm** *Megamix* **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Lucky Jim **3.45** The Contemporary Virtuoso **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sport **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** News **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** From Age to Age **2.45** Country Style **3.00** News **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Edvard Grieg (Piano Concerto: Andrei Gavrilov) **3.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Opera *Guide with Hugh MacPherson 8.00 Evening Concert: Edvard Grieg (Holberg Suite; Peer Gynt* — incidental music) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

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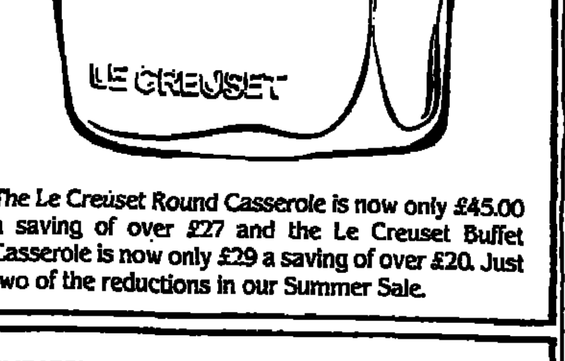
6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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SPORT

Women's tennis serves up back-to-back security



Eastbourne, where the most traditionally English of all the pre-Wimbledon events is played, has responded to the calls for increased vigilance since the stabbing of Monica Seles in Hamburg in April (Alix Ramsay writes). The tournament director for this week's Volkswagen Cup, George Hendon, has drafted in extra security personnel and has increased the police presence at Devonshire Park. "We have come up with a plan we believe is sufficient to ensure some madman will not be able to create a situation like in Hamburg," he said. One of the smaller but more noticeable moves has been to place the players' chairs on court with their backs to the umpire's chair, enabling the players to see the crowd at all times during the change-overs. With autograph hunters, young and old, out in force, Devonshire Park has traditionally been the place where the public can rub shoulders with the stars. Hendon's problem has been to maintain the open, friendly atmosphere of the tournament while ensuring the players are protected. "There is a special relationship here between the players and the public and we didn't want to break that," he said. While Hendon is reluctant to give full details of the scale of the security operation, he is confident that he has the manpower to cover every eventuality while the town of Eastbourne has volunteered to foot the bill for the extra policing. But if the aim is to protect the top players, Martina Navratilova does not seem bothered. "I will always flick my chair around to see the court," she said. "If someone has a gun it doesn't matter which way the chair is facing — we don't need to blow it out of all proportion."

(Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Faldo looks to US Open for change in fortunes

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY

NICK Faldo was waiting to tee off yesterday, anxiously swishing his wooden-headed driver. "Come on Hulb," he said, urging on the appearance at Baltusrol of Mike Hulbert with whom he was to play a practice round. Faldo was anxious to get to work. The US Open was three days away and Faldo's recent form has been bad.

It is a measure of Faldo's success these past years that one missed cut in the Volvo PGA championship last month at Wentworth, followed by a tied 33rd in the Dunhill British Masters at Woburn should constitute a crisis. Faldo, who has won five major championships, starting with the Open at Muirfield in 1987, is not used to such indignities.

Thus Baltusrol represents a chance for the world's number one player to right a rocking ship. It is the first time Faldo has played at the New Jersey club, which has been the site of six other US Opens. "I like it," he said. "It is a good course. It is fairer than many US Open courses. If you go in the rough you can get out and it might take a career-shot to reach the green, but you can at least try for it. And the rough around the greens is severe but at least it is playable. In the past in those positions it has been a case of hack and hope."

Faldo looked relaxed. He had spent an intensive four days since he arrived in the United States and he gave the impression that the practice had gone well. He looked like a runner who has just completed a series of strict work-outs.

Faldo began this latest foray to the US by visiting Pine Valley, the exclusive, men-only club in Clementon, New Jersey, which has one enormous bunker known as Hell's Half Acre and another, a ticklish monster on a short hole, nicknamed the Devil's *derrière*, although *derrière* is not the word used. It is said to be the toughest course in the world, one that is almost impossible to master on first sight.

Faldo was captivated. "It's wonderful," he said. "More British than a British golf club. I've found my goal — off the golf course. It is simply to build a club like Pine Valley in Britain."

He played the par-three course twice and then worked with Mitchell Spearman, David Leadbetter's chief lieutenant, for most of Friday before travelling to Baltusrol. "Boy, have I done some work these past few days?" he asked rhetorically. "It has mainly been fine-tuning, but I am happy with the way it has gone. I spent three hours putting on Sunday. It seems to me to be an improvement if I get the ball further forward."

The lower course at Baltusrol is unusual in that,



Faldo: relaxed

as it is set up for the US Open, it has only two par fives — and they come at the 17th and 18th. "The start is tough here," Faldo said. "The 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th are all hard. You have to drive well and the greens are small. Then there is a bit of a rest and then you get to the end."

He sighed at the thought of the back-breaking two closing holes, which total 1,172 yards in all. "The 17th is a great three-shot par five. The 18th is tough. Although it is reachable in two shots, the second is probably going to be played with a wood from a downslope and uphill." He grinned. "Some hole."

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Agassi enjoys Wimbledon boost

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

WIMBLEDON'S seedings committee chose yesterday to elevate the status of Andre Agassi, the men's champion, and Martina Navratilova, who have been promoted above their world rankings for the championships which begin next Monday.

Agassi, the holder of the men's title, has been out of action for two months with tendinitis of the right wrist. His availability has been in doubt and not until he received the last wild card from the tournament organisers in Halle at the weekend was he assured of any competitive practice on grass.

Today, as he starts his comeback in Germany against Carl-Uwe Steeb, he will enter the draw as the eighth seed. In the world he is ranked No 13. "It was a difficult decision, bearing in mind he has not played much because on injury," Alan Mills, the tournament referee, said.

"But he is the defending champion and he has proved that he can play on grass." In spite of his promotion, which was widely expected, Agassi will still make history when he follows tradition and opens the championship on the centre court. No holder has ever been ranked lower.

Navratilova's rise was also forecast, although she insists that she did not campaign for it. She was playing cards, waiting for the rain to stop falling on Eastbourne, when she heard that her chances of claiming a tenth title had been significantly improved. Ranked fourth in the world, she is seeded second.

As Monica Seles is still recuperating from the knife wound she sustained six weeks ago, Navratilova cannot meet the clear favourite, Steffi Graf, until the final. "Her past record speaks for itself," Mills said. "Her worst performance here over the years has been losing in the quarter-finals."

That was to Jennifer Capriati in 1991. She was eliminated so early in the DFS Classic at Edgbaston last week that she decided to seek additional practice on the south coast, so far in vain. Only marginally, according to Mills, was she preferred above the tenacious Spaniard, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario.

Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, the champion in 1988 and 1990, has received similar recognition from the committee but he may not thank the members for it. He could find himself in the same half of the draw as Boris Becker, who won the title in 1985, 1986 and 1989, and the dangerous Michael Stich.

In winning the Stella Artois title at Queen's Club on Sunday, Stich confirmed that he is in prime form. Indeed, at odds of 9-2, he is favoured to repeat his victory of 1991 (when he overcame his German compatriot, Becker) with Edberg and Sampras, who was confirmed as the No 1 seed. William Hill has described the men's event as "the most open in living memory".

The committee chose Jim Courier as the third seed, even though his game is more suited to slower surfaces. A year ago he was beaten in the third round by a qualifier from Russia, Andrei Olhovskiy. Goran Ivanisevic, the talented but erratic Croatian who reached the final last year, is fifth.

Becker and Stich are seeded fourth and sixth respectively. Ivan Lendl is fortunate to be seventh, although it matches his world ranking. He has recently been knocked out in the first round of the Italian Open in Rome, the French Open in Paris and at Queen's.

Wayne Ferreira, the holder of the Stella Artois title until he collapsed against Stich, might have been given a higher station than thirteenth but it hardly matters. Those seeded from ninth to sixteenth receive the same benefit. They will not meet a higher-ranked player until the round before the quarter-final.

Michael Chang, the twelfth seed, went to Germany specifically to be certain of genuine practice. The British weather, he says, is too unpredictable (as all those at Eastbourne will agree) and he travelled instead to Halle. As with all the best laid plans, his went awry.

He was beaten yesterday in the first round by Bernd Karbacher, the German who had also ended his challenge in the French Open. "I am going to spend a few more days here," Chang said, "and then hope that it doesn't rain in London."

After almost two hours of deliberation, the committee also recognised the grass-court qualities of Richard Krajicek, the giant Dutchman, and MaliVai Washington, a stocky American. Both of them are seeded three places above their world rankings, at nine and 14 respectively.

Only three seeds in the men's singles have been matched with their world rankings (Sampras, even though he had won only one match at Wimbledon until he reached the semi-final last year, and Becker as well as Lendl). The committee has not tinkered so readily with the women's singles.

Nor did it need to. Graf, at odds of 4-7, is expected to retain the title, particularly in the absence of Seles. Apart from Navratilova, the rest of the field will line up as they do in the official list — down to and including Natalie Tauziat, who is seventeenth in the world.

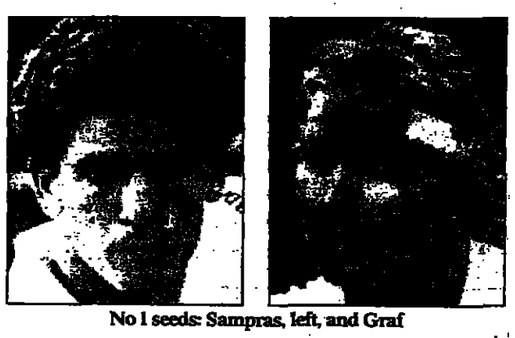
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Men's singles

1 P Sampras (US)
2 S Edberg (Swe)
3 J Courier (US)
4 B Becker (Ger)
5 G Ivanisevic (Cro)
6 M Stich (Ger)
7 I Lendl (US)
8 A Agassi (US)
9 R Krajicek (Holl)
10 A Medvedev (Ukr)
11 P Korda (Cz)
12 M Chang (US)
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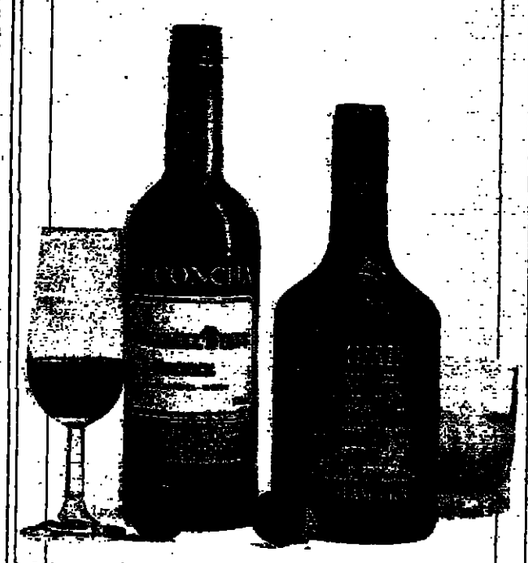
Women's singles

1 S Graf (Ger)
2 M Navratilova (US)
3 A Sánchez Vicario (Sp)
4 G Sabatini (Arg)
5 M J Fernandez (US)
6 C Martinez (Sp)
7 J Capriati (US)
8 J Novotna (Cz)
9 A Huber (Ger)
10 M Maleeva (Bul)
11 M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz)
12 K Maleeva (Bul)
13 M Pierce (Fr)
14 A Coetzer (SA)
15 H Sukova (Cz)
16 N Tauziat (Fr)



No 1 seeds: Sampras, left, and Graf

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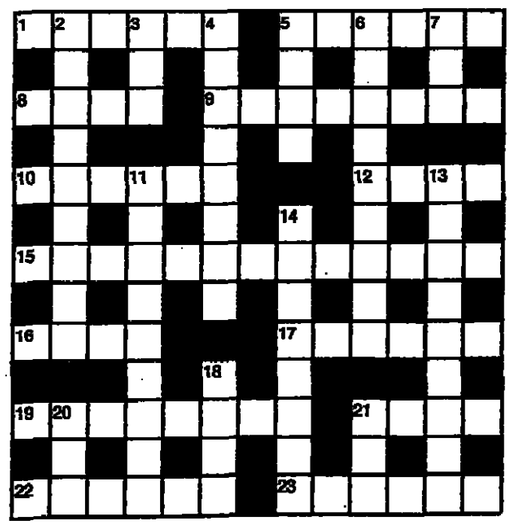
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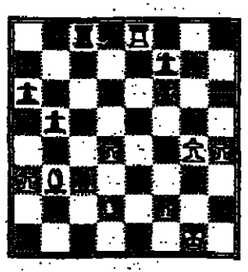
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TIGGY
a. A universal computer format
b. A children's game
c. The hedgehog

PREPENSE
a. To estimate
b. Aforethought
c. A cygnet

CHARTOPHYLAX
a. A laxative placebo
b. A vine disease
c. Librarian

METANOIA
a. Penitence
b. An afterthought
c. A linen napkin

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